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Tobin apologizes, submits resignation to Board

Faculty and students respond with mix of shock, anger, and dismay to Tobin's announcement

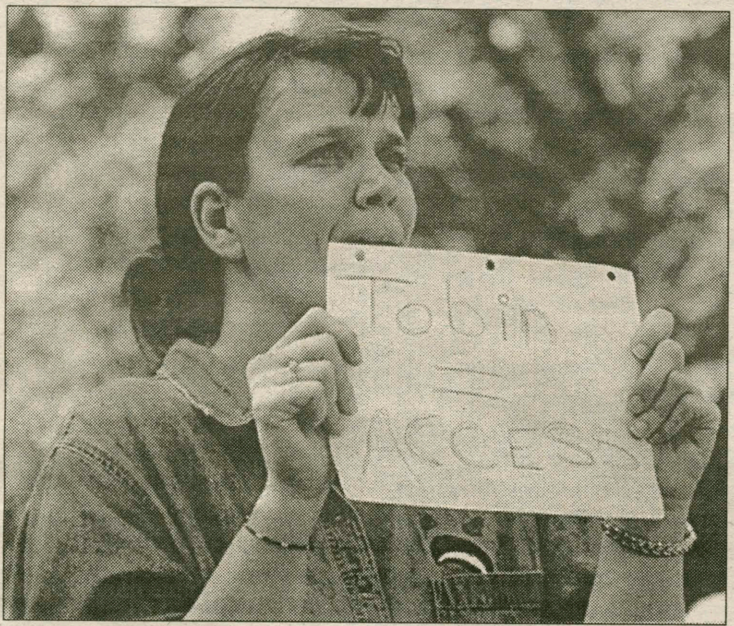

PHOTO BY JOEL ORKIN-RAMEY '05

Monita Webb, an ACCESS student, shows support for President Tobin during Wednesday's rally. The ACCESS program, which provides non-traditional, low-income students with the opportunity to obtain higher education, was started during Tobin's tenure as President.

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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NEWS WRITER

President Eugene Tobin was scheduled to present his resignation to the Board of Trustees this morning, after announcing his intentions at a faculty meeting earlier this week. President of the Board of Trustees Stewart Scott said on Wednesday that the Board was expected to accept Tobin's resignation. At Scott's request, Tobin will remain as president until the end of this academic year.

Despite student and faculty encouragement to reconsider the resignation, Scott said early in the week that it "would be extremely unusual for the Board to not give Gene what he wants."

"We don't have involuntary servitude. We have too much respect for Gene to not give him what he wants," he said.

Scott said that the Board of Trustees did not ask Tobin to resign, but that the decision was made after Tobin conferred with some members of the faculty. "This is a man who spent nine years building it [the College] up to what it is today. He wasn't about to see nine years erode away," said Scott.

Tobin's decision to resign was made public on Tuesday at a faculty meeting, during which President Tobin expressed his regret and apologies to members of the College's faculty. His resignation comes almost two weeks after initial questions arose as to the attribution and citation of remarks made during his Convocation speech given earlier this academic year.

In the brief speech he delivered to faculty members, President Tobin said that the issues at hand have "occupied enormous amounts of time in unproductive ways" and apologized for the letter he sent to students and faculty that failed to explain his own personal shame and embarrassment.

"I have been punished in the press and in very many personal ways that I'm sure you can imagine, but not understand. I ask the faculty for its forgiveness," he stated.

In his remarks to faculty, Tobin acknowledged that in looking through past speeches and oral communications, he noticed a pattern of failure to cite sources. This pattern, he said, had been going on for nine years.

"I am deeply and unqualifiedly ashamed," he said.

Tobin explained that his decision to resign at the end of the academic year was motivated by his desire to "protect the college from further embarrassment and to allow the college to move forward."

In a letter sent via email to the entire campus, Tobin wrote, "Because of my deep affection for this College and my unwavering support for its traditions and values, I

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DUI case handled internally after Campus Safety investigation

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

An underage student was determined by Campus Safety to be driving under the influence of alcohol, said Campus Safety Evening Supervisor Wayne Gentile. Although the town of Kirkland Police Department responded to the scene, no tickets were issued; the KPD and Campus Safety instead decided that matter could be handled by the college internally.

According to Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls, Campus Safety first responded to a medical emergency in which a student fell off a white SUV while "bumper surfing." The incident, which occurred on Friday, Sept. 22, took place outside of Saunders Residence Hall on Griffin Road.

As a result, one student sought medical attention at a local hospital. According to the Town of Kirkland Chief of Police Daniel English, KPD was called to provide medical assistance.

Later that morning, a student called Campus Safety to report a second incident of bumper surfing. Ingalls noted that on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1:16 a.m., a "student athlete" pulled over in Bundy parking lot, and was approached by Campus Safety.

According to English, this car "matched the description" of the car that had been reported to Campus Safety by the student.

"It couldn't have been more than 12 minutes later that we got a call from a student reporting that another individual was seen bumper surfing on the front of a SUV," said Gentile. He added that after the car pulled into Bundy, Campus Safety pulled in behind to talk to the students in the car.

However, in speaking with the driver, Campus Safety noted that he was under the influence of alcohol. Gentile said that "his [the driver's] behavior and the smell the alcohol on his breath cued in officers to the fact that he was drunk."

While Ingalls stressed that "the student was not pulled over because he was driving erratically, but because of the dangerous be-

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Fire totals North Lot car; student escapes

by Michael Proia '05
NEWS WRITER

On Friday, September 27th, a Hamilton student narrowly escaped tragedy when he evacuated his car minutes before it burst into flames last Friday night. The fire destroyed most of the car and caused significant damage to the recently added New Lot pavement. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Campus Safety and the Clinton Fire Department, nobody was hurt, and the damage was limited to only one car. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

Last Friday night around 7:15 p.m., Josh Sargen'05 walked through the pouring rain to New Lot to pick up his car and found that the battery of the car had died. After calling AAA and receiving a jump, Josh waited patiently for his car to warm up. While sitting in his car, he noticed smoke coming into the car and proceeded to pull a towel to his face to avoid inhaling the smoke. Josh then got out of the car to see what was

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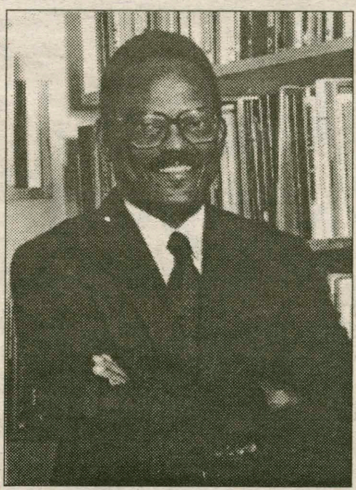
Wilson examines urban race dynamics

by Chris Takacs '05
NEWS EDITOR

For the second presentation in the Levitt Center's series on immigration and global citizenship, sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Center for Public Affairs and the Department of Sociology, William Julius Wilson, acclaimed sociologist of urban and racial social dynamics, spoke to a crowded Chapel on Monday, September 30th.



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Wilson was the 2nd speaker in the Levitt Center's series: Immigration and Global Citizenship.

Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor Wilson of Harvard University, was introduced by Hamilton's Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin, who stated that Wilson is "one of our nation's foremost authorities on issues of race and class in American society... Prof. Wilson has received numerous honors and awards, including the national medal of science and one of the highly coveted MacArthur Fellowships that many simply refer to as the MacArthur Genius Awards." Wilson was also named by *Time* magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential People in America.

"Throughout his long and distinguished career," Franklin continued, "Prof. Wilson has focused rather specifically on the ways in which economic factors lie at the root of many

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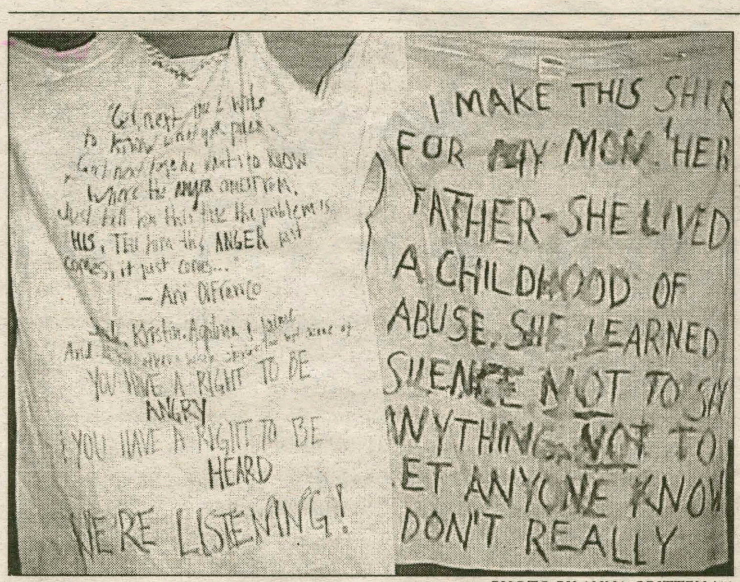

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

T-shirts hung around KJ on Thursday night reminding students of the upcoming Clothesline Project. The Project, sponsored by the Sexual Assault Center, will be expanded this year not only to include violence against women, but violence against anyone.

Students, SAC vow to "take back night"

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Starting with an expanded "Take Back the Night" forum, the Sexual Assault Center has a busy fall schedule that will bring the issue of sexual violence to the forefront of campus discussion.

"We're trying to focus on how sexual assault affects everyone in the community, not just women, and not just the victim," said Meaghan Carey '03, the coordinator of the event.

In previous years "Take Back the Night" was primarily victim-focused, while this year the focus will be broadened to include the effects an assault has on a victim's friends and faculty confidantes. "It has a significant impact when you go to someone and tell them 'don't tell anyone,'" said Carey.

Set in the Red Pit, an intimate venue that Carey hopes will allow people to feel more comfortable talking without a mic, "Take Back the Night" is a forum for any members of the community on the Hill to come and discuss how sexual assault and violence has affected their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

"We hope it will give people strength," said Carey. The forum was first started on campus a few years ago in reaction to violence issues on campus, according to Carey. "Take Back the Night" serves as a prelude to the Sexual Assault Center's next event, The Clothesline Project.

First started on the campus last year, this project will also be expanded to include not only sexual violence against women, but also violence against anyone, which is what the traditional Clothesline project includes.

"This year's focus will be all-inclusive," said Alison Lin '03. "We're hoping to raise awareness on campus that sexual violence affects people here."

The shirts will be designed by hand, with the color of the shirt signifying a different type of violence or the effect of that violence.

The project will start with a T-Shirt Making/Pizza Party on Tuesday, October 8, from 8-10 in the Fireplace Lounge, which anyone is welcome to attend. Lin hopes that this will be an informal event that will provide support to members of the community. Additionally, supplies will be available at specified points and the Sexual Assault Center will also have drop-off points for completed shirts to allow shirts to be submitted anonymously.

The shirts will first be displayed at an opening in the Events Barn on October 23rd, with a speaker that will also help kick off the event. Shaela Gallahue '03 hopes that the opening and having the shirts displayed around campus will influence campus conversation.

"We're trying to start discussion, get people talking," said Gallahue. "For the people who haven't been affected by violence, we hope that having them see the shirts will bring it closer to home for them."

"Making Change" conference to honor socially influential alums

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

Fallcoming Weekend at Hamilton College shares its celebrations with the Kirkland Project's "Making Change" conference. "Making Change" honors the achievements of Hamilton and Kirkland alums who have had a tremendous impact on our society. The alums have been invited back to sit on panels and discuss the different roles they have played in the fight for social justice.

Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz, a professor of comparative literature at Hamilton, directs the Kirkland Project. Assistance and support have come from all areas in Hamilton life, including the Career Center, willing students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The Career Center has provided one of the bases for the Kirkland Project to present the returning alums. David Bell, one of the career counselors, said, "One of the Career Center's commitments is to provide opportunities for current students to learn about career opportunities directly from alumni. Hamilton graduates who are established in their careers are in an excellent position to help students understand how they might translate their liberal arts experience into specific careers."

Since this weekend's approaching conference provides just such an opportunity, the Career Center has assisted with coordination and is offering a networking luncheon on Friday for 35 lucky students to connect with these outstanding alums.

The idea for the conference was instigated by Deborah Boutin, who "remembered a conference of alums in Mathematics at Smith, and the Kirkland Project thought that social justice was a theme that would relate to our interests and alums," said Rabinowitz.

"We liked the idea of bringing together alums who had done a variety of things while they were at Hamilton or Kirkland," said Virginia Vaughan, "but who had all ended up working in some aspect of social justice after graduation. Many of them have rarely, if ever, been back to Hamilton, and we though that they would enjoy making the connections with each other."

Vaughan is one of the community members who become involved with the Kirkland Project a few years ago and was drawn to this conference "as a way to bring some non-traditional alums into contact with current students." Ms. Vaughan believes that "they are inspiring examples of the possibilities for a life after Hamilton that goes beyond the traditional choices."

"Making Change" is a demonstration to the community and outside world of the value Hamilton College places on justice. On the Hill, part of the Hamilton College website, publicizes the conference, stating, "Hamilton and Kirkland have long traditions of training students to help create a more just society. In this conference, organizers seek to acknowledge and celebrate that tradition."

The Kirkland Project organizers based the choice of alums on the recommendation of faculty whose students had gone on to effect social change. The central themes of the conference – Working, Educating, Using the Law, Writing and Organizing for Social Change – illustrate the work of the alums. Said Nancy Rabinowitz, "We went by what they were working on – [we] could have decided on the issues and invited them to address them, but we thought this way they could initiate the conversation on the basis of their work."

"Making Change" is a tremendous showcase of career possibilities for Hamilton alums. "This is an amazing opportunity for the community to celebrate these alums, of whom we have every reason to be proud, and to get their ideas about problems in the world and how to solve them. At the same time it gives students the chance to meet these alums and talk to them about what they might do or, in seeing them, get ideas about what change they could make," said Rabinowitz.

Ms. Vaughan said, "I hope that students can find the time to come to as many of these events as possible. These are amazing people who are doing very interesting things. People are bound to come away with new ideas." This conference is one way Hamilton can reach out to its alums. "We've done panels at reunions where we've presented to them," said Rabinowtiz, "and it just struck us that we should bring them back."

The keynote speaker of "Making Change" is Robert P. Moses '56. On Saturday, October 5, 2002, he will introduce the conference with a talk entitled "The Presumption of Innocence, Sharecropper Education and America's Ideals." Robert Moses has worked as a Civil Rights activist, helping the Black people of the South win voter rights.

As issues evolved, Robert Moses recognized them and led other activists in the pursuit of modern civil rights.

"If they can come to nothing else, they shouldn't miss Bob Moses," advises Ms. Vaughan. "He is a true hero of the civil rights movement and his current work on math literacy as a civil rights issue is fascinating."

"He's really an inspiration," said Nancy Rabinowitz. "He developed the Algebra Project because he believes that without

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Faculty votes to end "institutional support" of United Way, Boy Scouts

Decision "confirms institution's commitment to principles of non-discrimination"

by Christopher LaRosa '03
SENIOR EDITOR

The faculty unanimously passed a motion at Tuesday's faculty meeting resolving that the college should stop providing institutional support to the United Way of Greater Utica. The decision grew out of concern that local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America, an organization financially supported by the local United Way, openly admits to refusing membership to gays.

Associate Professor of Government Stephen Orvis presented the motion and explained the inconsistency between the Boy Scouts' statement of non-discrimination to the local United Way and its actions.

"The Boy Scouts signed the letter [of non-discrimination]. They lied. It's hard to say that the Boy Scouts lied, but that's just what they did. They have an active policy of discrimination," said Orvis.

Marjorie and Robert W. Ewen Professor of History Esther Kanipe further extend the discussion on the Boy Scouts' discriminatory behavior.

"There's an increasing amount of literature against the Boy Scouts saying that they discriminated against people with disabilities as well," said Kanipe.

Other faculty spoke encouraging the College to replace the United Way campus campaign with a campaign supporting another charitable organization.

"I was very pleased that the faculty unanimously passed the resolution, confirming our institution's commitment to the principles of non-discrimination against all people," said Orvis via email.

Orvis said he hoped the President would sever the College's ties to the United Way next year, "unless either the Boy Scouts or United Way has changed its policy by then, which would be the best outcome."

The resolution passed by the faculty called for the college to end its coordinated campaign for the United Way and for faculty to give directly to local charities.

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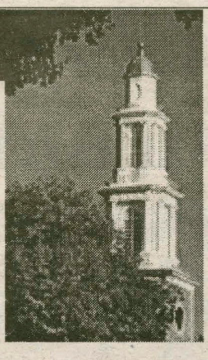

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

U.S. Students Head to Canada Schools

Attracted by relatively low tuition costs, high academic standards and campuses set in urban centers and spectacular countryside, a small but fast-growing number of American students are choosing to spend their college days in a foreign country - Canada.

The Canadian Embassy in Washington estimates that enrollment at major Canadian schools by U.S. citizens has risen by at least 86 percent over the past three years, to about 5,000 students.

"I absolutely love it here," said Amorette Howland, a senior at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, a community of 3,800 people about an hour's drive from the provincial capital of Halifax.

A 13-hour journey from home in Enfield, Conn., Howland was attracted by the small-town feel of Wolfville - and when she learned that tuition included a new IBM laptop computer.

Her parents were more impressed by Acadia's academic standards; a minimum combined math and verbal SAT score of 1,100 is required for American students seeking admission. (There is no equivalent college entrance exam for Canadian high school students, who are judged for admissions based on grade point averages.)

Montreal's McGill University has lured nearly 1,600 Americans north of the border.

Man Sentenced for College Kill Plot

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - A man convicted of plotting a Columbine-style rampage at his community college was sentenced Tuesday to seven years in prison.

Al DeGuzman, 20, was convicted of possession of a destructive device in a public place with intent to cause harm.

He was arrested in January 2001 the day before the planned massacre at De Anza College in Cupertino. Authorities say the rampage was averted when a photo-developing clerk saw a picture of DeGuzman posing with his arsenal of guns and bombs in his bedroom and called police.

Superior Court Judge Robert Ahern ruled that more than 100 counts against DeGuzman had to be dismissed because of a California appeals court ruling.

That court said the state had not adequately specified that criminals found with multiple weapons could be charged with multiple counts.

After dismissing most of the felony counts, Ahern gave DeGuzman the maximum sentence for the remaining charges.

College Vows Chemical Elimination

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Forty years after author Rachel Carson published "Silent Spring" and brought the dangers of man-made pesticides to the nation's attention, her alma mater marked the occasion with a promise the activist would have applauded: The school pledged to eliminate toxic chemicals on campus.

Chatham College, from which Carson graduated in 1929 when it was known as the Pennsylvania College for Women, on Friday celebrated the anniversary of the book's publication by announcing it would use renewable sources of energy, improve its recycling program and phase out the use of certain chemicals.

"This is a lifelong commitment. It's nothing we can uncommit to," said college President Esther Barazzone.

A scientist, editor and chief of publications for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carson spent years researching chemicals' impact on the environment and published "Silent Spring" in 1962.

Carson, who died at the age of 57 two years after the book was published, didn't live to see chemicals like DDT banned, but she testified at congressional hearings that ultimately produced recommendations to create the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970.

Many think of Carson as the mother of the nation's environmental movement, but she also "withstood the attacks of many," Barazzone said.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Annan: Blix to Return to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Thursday his chief weapons inspector was preparing to return to Baghdad while the Security Council decides whether to adopt a new resolution the United States says is critical to the disarmament of Saddam Hussein.

President Bush said the United Nations must stand with the United States to disarm Saddam - or stand aside.

"The choice is up (to) the United Nations to show its resolve. The choice is up to Saddam Hussein to fulfill his word," Bush said. "And if neither of them acts, the United States in deliberate fashion will lead a coalition to take away the worlds worst weapons from one of the world's worst leader."

Annan spoke before chief inspector Hans Blix briefed the divided council on the agreement he reached with Iraq earlier this week that could see the return of inspectors after a nearly four-year absence. The closed-door meeting was the first opportunity for all 15 council members to discuss the deal and the next steps for the inspection program.

The U.N. chief told reporters it's "up to the council today or in the coming week to determine what the next stage would be."

"Of course, they are discussing a new resolution which may be passed. But Blix, in the meantime, continues his preparations," Annan said.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard, when asked about the Bush remarks, said Annan would not comment until the council finished its work.

Ivory Coast Rebels OK Cease-Fire

BOUAKE, Ivory Coast (AP) - Ivory Coast rebels agreed to a cease-fire Thursday after talks with top West African envoys, who flew into this rebel-held city hoping to halt an insurgency that seized half the country in two weeks.

"They have agreed to a cease-fire," said negotiator Mohamed Ibn Chambas, executive secretary of the West African economic bloc that is pushing for peace. He said the cease-fire agreement would be signed in the nation's capital, Yamoussoukro, on Friday.

Chambas, speaking after talks in the central city of Bouake, said he hoped the mediators would be able to discuss the rebels' grievances after the signing of the cease-fire agreement. It was not immediately clear how long the cease-fire would remain in place.

Ivory Coast has been plunged into crisis since a Sept. 19 uprising by disgruntled soldiers, who have since captured Bouake and the northern opposition stronghold of Korhogo, as well as most of the northern half of the country.

Desperate to avert an all-out conflict, West African envoys flew into Bouake earlier Thursday to urge the rapidly advancing rebels to lay down their arms.

President Laurent Gbagbo's government - having already yielded the north of Ivory Coast to the rebels in just 15 days - has made clear it is open to a cease-fire.

U.S. Forgives Some Yugoslavian Debt

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - The United States forgave two-thirds of Yugoslavia's debt on Thursday in a sign of improving relations with the country's reformist leadership.

The agreement erases $353.7 million, or 66 percent, of the Belgrade's $589.4 million debt to Washington. The write-off was signed by U.S. Ambassador William Montgomery and Yugoslav Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic.

Svilanovic was quoted by the state-run Tanjug news agency as saying Yugoslavia expects further improvement in economic relations with the United States in the months to come. He said the agreement Thursday was the result of "long and exhausting" work.

Montgomery said the U.S. move was a sign of support for economic reforms undertaken after the current pro-Western leadership ousted former President Slobodan Milosevic, Tanjug reported.

Yugoslavia faced international sanctions during the Milosevic era as a punishment for the country's role in more than a decade of Balkan bloodshed. The United States has been cautious restoring economic ties with Yugoslavia and has so far refused to release frozen assets. Svilanovic said the issue was under discussion and should be resolved in the months to come.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

A Weakened Lili Pounds Louisiana

NEW IBERIA, La. (AP) - Less powerful but still dangerous, Hurricane Lili pounded low-lying Louisiana coastal towns with heavy wind and rain Thursday and spawned tornadoes in Mississippi as it washed inland.

Nearly a half-million people had been urged to flee the storm, which shut down the region's resort towns, all 12 of Mississippi's Gulf Coast casinos, NASA's Mission Control in Houston and the nation's biggest oil import terminal.

President Bush declared all of Louisiana a disaster area, setting the stage for a variety of federal aid. Federal Emergency Management Agency director Joe Allbaugh was on his way to Louisiana.

AP

A Louisiana resident surveys the damage from Hurricane Lili

The storm had gusts up to 92 mph as it passed through the southern Louisiana town of New Iberia, sending pieces of metal into the air, felling tree limbs and blowing down a 50-foot-high sign at the Holiday Inn.

Water poured over a levee and flooded about 75 percent of Montegut, a town of about 4,000, Fire Chief Spencer Rhodes said.

Still, Lili was not as strong as expected. By daybreak, it had weakened to a Category 2 storm, with top sustained winds of 100 mph. By afternoon its winds were down to 70 mph, below hurricane strength.

Shots Fired Outside United Nations

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - A man jumped the fence surrounding U.N. headquarters Thursday, fired several shots into the air, threw leaflets on the ground and was quickly tackled by security officers. There were no injuries but shots hit at least two upper floors of the U.N. building. The gunman was not immediately identified.

Shots from the pistol hit the 18th and 20th floors of the U.N. building, including the women's restroom on the 18th floor, according to the office of the U.N. spokesman.

U.N. Security and Safety Chief Michael McCann said seven shots were fired and some of the bullets narrowly missed U.N. employees inside the secretariat building. The shooting took place at 1:10 p.m. while the Security Council was holding discussions on Iraq, but there was no immediate indication of any connection.

Papers found by reporters near the scene were handwritten in English with many misspellings and were addressed to "all people who love freedom and justice." It was signed: "A citizen of UN, Steve Kim, Oct. 2, 2002."

Security Council members appeared unaware of the incident when they emerged from their meeting. U.N. security officials assured U.N. employees that no one was injured.

Martha Stewart Quits NYSE Board

NEW YORK (AP) - Martha Stewart, under investigation by the Justice Department for her sale of ImClone Systems Inc. stock, resigned Thursday from the board of the New York Stock Exchange.

The announcement came a day after an assistant to Stewart's stockbroker pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of receiving money and other valuables for keeping quiet about Stewart's sale of ImClone shares last December.

"We are saddened to lose Martha Stewart, who has built a brand and a company admired around the world," said Dick Grasso, chairman and CEO of the exchange. "Our board will miss Ms. Stewart's counsel and insight."

A spokeswoman for Stewart had no immediate comment. A spokeswoman for her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., said, "The decision to join or leave the board of the NYSE is a personal one for Ms. Stewart."

Stewart had joined the NYSE's board of directors in June 2002 and was one of 27 members. Her term was set to expire in 2003.

Torricelli drops out of race; Andrews named possible replacement

by Jon Kuhl '06
NEWS WRITER

On Monday after an ongoing series of ethical problems, U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli (N.J.) announced that he was dropping out of his bid for re-election. This was in response to the series of questions Torricelli has faced since he was rebuked by the Senate Ethics Committee over concerns that he had received improper gifts

AP

Rep. Robert Andrews

from a contributor who is currently in jail.

Torricelli's Senate seat had been considered a safe bet for the Democrats, who currently hold a majority of one in the Senate. With control of the Senate at stake, Torricelli asserted, "I will not be responsible for the loss of the Democratic majority in the United States Senate." Torricelli, who is currently 51, will carry out his first term.

After Torricelli's announcement, the focus shifted to possible candidates to take his place on the Democratic ticket. Most famously, former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley was mentioned, but he soon declined along with several other possibilities.

Democratic Governor James McGreevey, along with state party leaders, chose former Senator Frank R. Lautenberg to take Torricelli's place. Lautenberg, 78, had retired from the Senate in 2000 after serving three terms. In an effort to ensure voters that he is serious about the race, he proclaimed, "None of the enthusiasm has died. I will fight just as hard. I am just as energized."

On Wednesday the battle over whether or not Lautenberg's name will be allowed to replace Torricelli's on the November ballot made its way to the New Jersey Supreme Court. Republican lawyers argued that the law doesn't allow candidates' names to be replaced within 51 days of the election; as of Wednesday the election was 34 days away.

In response, Democrats argued that voters have the right to clearly choose between the candidates that are actually running. Angelo Genova, a lawyer for the Democrats, made it clear that it would be ridiculous to have Torricelli's name on the ballot: "I think he has effectively created a vacancy by his withdrawal. He's not a candidate for public office."

The Democrats also argued that the reasoning behind this law is to ensure that there is sufficient time to prepare the ballots. Currently, only around 1,600 ballots have been mailed, mostly to military voters. State Attorney General David Samson, along with the Governor, conveyed to the justices that replacing Torricelli on the ballots would be costly and inconvenient, but would be "administratively feasible."

Republicans contend that just because a candidate isn't doing well, he shouldn't be allowed to be replaced. Peter Sheridan, a lawyer for Douglass Forrester, the Republican running for the Senate, argued, "I believe the statute should be enforced as it precisely reads. We don't believe there are any extraordinary circumstances."

Later on Wednesday evening the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously that Torricelli's name could be replaced on the ballot, but the cost of doing so would be paid for by the Democrats.

The court reached this decision saying that "it is in the public interest and the general interest of the election laws to preserve the two-party system and to submit to the electorate ballot bearing the names of candidates of both major political parties as well as of all qualifying parties and groups."

Republicans made it clear even before the court's ruling that if the court found in favor of the Democrats, they would seriously consider bringing the dispute to the U.S. Supreme Court, a move which would put the court in a position similar to that of the 2000 Presidential election.

Commenting on the ongoing battle, Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier said that once the court battle was won, "they [Democrats] have to mount a campaign very quickly and neutralize Republican claims that have tampered with the electoral process." As for the court's role in determining this political question, Eismeier said that the battle for control of the Senate may go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it would be "deja vu all over again!"

Critics speculate that Representitive Robert Andrews of Haddon Heights will replace Torricelli.

Objectivist Club addresses evils of environmentalism

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

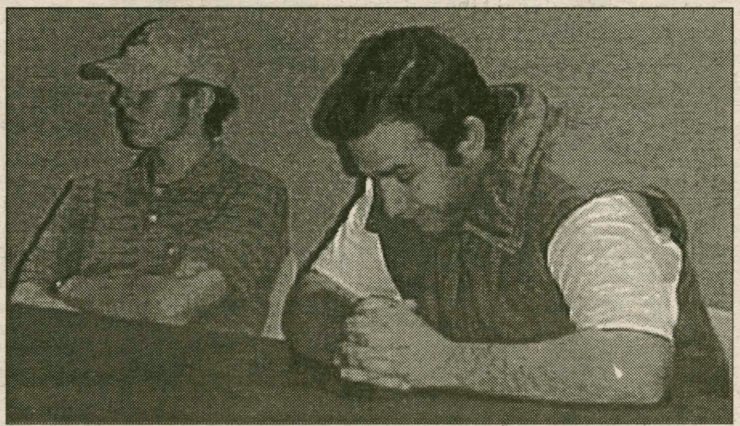

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Students contemplate views of environmentalism at the first Obvectivist Club meeting on Sunday, Sept. 29. According to founder Jon Rick '05, the goals of the club are to expand knowledge of Ayn Rand's philosophy.

This past Sunday night marked the first meeting of the Objectivist Club, a new club on the Hill created to demonstrate to campus that reason, laissez-faire capitalism, and rational self-interest are the foundations of a free society

What is Objectivism, you ask? Club founder Jon Rick '05 offered the following definition, taken from the definitive Objectivist website, AynRand.org: "Ayn Rand's philosophy, known as Objectivism, holds that historical trends are the inescapable product of philosophy. To reverse the current political and economic trends in America and throughout the world requires a reversal of men's fundamental philosophy."

Rick hopes that this organization will "will serve as an antidote to such philosophies as altruism and statism, which grip higher education today."

Sunday's meeting focused on the currently hot on-campus issue of environmentalism. At this week's inaugural meeting, the debate over the topic at hand was occasionally heated. Of particular interest to those who attended was the examination of the government's role in protecting the environment, which segued into an in-depth discussion of private vs. public property and individual rights. Other points the group touched upon included: use of CFCs, DDT, bioterrorism, PCBs and the Hudson River, animal rights, and global warming.

The Objectivist Club plans to hold weekly debates as well as provide access to and promote Objectivist literature. Rick hopes that the campus will respond positively to his new club, "because not only will our views challenge 2,500 years of Judeo-Christian ethics, but there is also the necessity for a discussion forum, outside of the classroom, in which we all can debate ideas."

Rick continued, "We seek to reach out to students, professors, administrators to all individuals interested in living in a culture of reason."

Next week's debate, to take place on Sunday night at 7 p.m., will focus on diversity. The meeting will be held on the 3rd floor of the Bristol Campus Center.

Harvard Professor William J. Wilson addresses racism in ethnically shifting neighborhoods

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social problems that oftentimes get narrowly defined in terms of race."

Wilson, defining one of the theses of his study, stated that "urban ethnic neighborhoods provide the roots for much of the racial tensions in America." He then outlined the content of his new book, *The Bridge over the Racial Divide: Rising Inequality and Coalition Politics*, which he wrote after years of studying four areas of Chicago with distinct racial and ethnic makeups and dynamics.

Wilson prefaced his study by recognizing the recent trend of "white flight," or the virtual emptying of white people from America's cities, and the parallel trend of ethnic minorities becoming the majority ethnicities in many cities. According to Wilson and other sociologists, when whites left the cities, they left with much of the cities' wealth, resulting in greater urban poverty, which was concentrated in the ghettos and primarily amongst blacks and Latinos.

Delving into the field study conducted by Wilson and a team of 12 graduate students, Wilson revealed that while racial tensions were high in neighborhoods in which the racial and ethnic makeup was changing: tensions remained low in the stable and predominantly black area of "Groveland" (a pseudonym Wilson used).

Wilson concluded by surveying prospects for reducing ethnic tensions in urban areas. "It is imperative that leaders work to build situations that foster interdependence... creating an atmosphere of coalition-building," he said.

"Prejudice is a product of situations, economic situations, political situations, social situations," Wilson stated, emphasizing that to reduce prejudice, these situations should be changed. He went further; "The best way to fight racism is to eliminate unemployment."

Commenting on the presentation afterwards, Christian A. Johnson Excellence in Teaching Professor of Sociology Daniel Chambliss stated that "Wilson is on the cutting edge of understanding how neighborhood dynamics affect racial dynamics...He is a major figure in public debates over these issues, one of the top three people."

Franklin also commented, "I thought that Prof. Wilson's lecture raised interesting questions about the relationship between economic conditions, economic concerns, and prejudice." Replying to Wilson's claim that the situation creates the prejudice, Franklin stated, "I think he simply wanted to stress the fact that as human beings we tend to have and maintain certain allegiances, and when outsiders are perceived as a threat to the well-being or interests of those who are regarded as insiders, the conditions are ripe for the development of prejudice."

Professor Wilson is the author of numerous books on race and urban dynamics, including *Power, Racism, and Privilege* (1976), *The Declining Significance of Race* (1979), *The Truly Disadvantaged* (1987), and *When Work Disappears* (1996).

Editorial
The Spectator

Editorial:

As a result of President Tobin's announcement on Tuesday that he would be resigning as the president of Hamilton College, and the subsequent acceptance of this resignation by the Board of Trustees, our campus has been in a state of emotional turmoil. The student body, much like that of the faculty, met the news of Tobin's decision with mixed emotions, which ranged from wholehearted support of his resignation to equally strong support for his continuation as president of the College.

It is the opinion of this Editorial Board that Tobin's resignation, while certainly regrettable, was the unavoidable end result of the publicity with which the events of the last two weeks were met, not only here on the Hill, but also in the surrounding communities. The negative publicity that Tobin's speech-writing practices generated for Hamilton College created a snowball effect, which quickly grew in size until Tobin's resignation became the only realistic scenario.

For Tobin to continue as president of this College would have caused numerous problems. Those off the Hill, who do not know Tobin in the way that those here do, see only his most recent flawed actions, not the years of dedicated service that he has given to the Hill.

The support shown by the student body for Tobin this past week has been touching and fitting. Over the past 22 years, Tobin has worked tirelessly to improve Hamilton College, and his efforts ought to be recognized. Although letters petitioning the Board of Trustees not to accept his resignation were coordinated in vain, the sentiment behind them was undoubtedly in the right place. Wednesday's rally in support of Tobin was also tastefully done and effectively allowed both the president and the faculty to witness the ability of the students to send a positive public message in support of a noble man who has dedicated the better part of his academic career to creating the Hamilton we know today.

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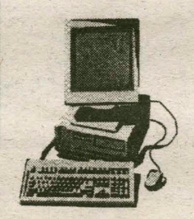

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Student escapes car fire; Clinton firefighters control damage

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happening, and he immediately noticed that a fire had started under the car and called Campus Safety on the emergency phone in the lot.

"I was in complete disbelief that my car was in flames," said Sargen. "I had a bad feeling that based on where the fire originated, it would get much worse."

According to Josh, Campus Safety arrived no more than 90 seconds after the phone call was placed and immediately attacked the flames. Among the first to arrive on the scene were Campus Safety Evening Supervisor Wayne Gentile, Officers Mike Sawanec III and William Preuss. They tried to put the fire out with fire extinguishers, but the blaze was too great for them to handle. Campus Safety went through four extinguishers before giving control over to the Clinton Fire Department.

"We just wanted to knock it down, or at least keep it from getting to the gas tank," said Gentile. "After we had contained it a little and the fire department was called, I pulled the guys away just to keep anyone from getting hurt." Gentile went on to say Officer Sawanec wanted to take another extinguisher to the fire, but the risk was too great at the time.

The decision proved to be a good one because even after the Clinton Fire Department "hit the fire hard with the water," the flames surged up a few times, and it took them around five minutes to douse the flames.

Sargen later praised Campus Safety, saying, "[They] were absolutely phenomenal in their response time and their heroic efforts to put out the fire."

However, at the time, Sargen could only stand by and watch as his 1999 Volkswagen Passat was consumed by flames, burning valuable possessions, including two sets of golf clubs and a cellular phone.

After the fact he remembers thinking about how lucky everything turned out. "Thankfully, there were no cars on either side of my car at the time," he said.

Alexis Ribak '04 later drove Josh to the hospital, where he was checked for smoke inhalation. The doctors took x-rays and ran blood work and declared him okay. He returned from the hospital and showered, ending his long, miserable, wet night around 2:30 a.m.

Physical Plant has estimated that damages to the parking lot will run as high as a few hundred dollars. The estimates on damage to the car have not yet been declared, nor has the total value of lost possessions in the car.

Campus Safety reported four incidents in the last four years involving car fires. In 1999 a car was stolen from a parking lot and brought to Minor Field, where it crashed into the bleachers and a fire ensued. Then in 2000 a Campus Physical Plant van's engine caught fire, requiring Campus safety to put it out. There was also an incident last year on campus, making this the forth consecutive year with a car fire on campus. Of the four incidents, three have been related to mechanical malfunction, including Sargen's.

Sargen summed up the situation, saying, "I am just happy no one got hurt and there was no other damage."

"Bumper surfing" incident leaves one student temporarily hospitalized

Student complaints provoke Campus Safety action

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havior [bumper surfing]," she also noted that Campus Safety quickly retrieved the keys to the car, and returned them to the Campus Safety Office. In addition, KPD was called and responded to the scene.

"KPD administered an AlchoSensor test and the driver was above the legal limit," said Ingalls. While she did not release the exact blood alcohol content of the driver, she noted that the legal limit is lower for underage drivers. New York State law states that an underage driver with a BAC of .02 or above is considered legally intoxicated.

Despite this fact, no official police report was filed, and neither ticket nor charges were issued.

"It was a discretionary choice... a joint decision between the chief and myself," said Gentile. "They really needed the car downtown where they could make stronger cases."

Ingalls added that because no Campus Safety Officers or Police Officers physically observed the student driving under the influence, not enough evidence existed to substantiate a legal case.

"In order to make a case, we would have to have a witness that either saw somebody operating the car, or saw somebody riding on the hood of a car," said English. "Nobody who had witnessed what happened could identify the driver or who was on the car."

The intoxicated student, however, did admit to being the driver of the vehicle.

No statements were taken from anyone that had directly witnessed the event, said English.

In place of a legal proceeding, Campus Safety decided to handle the matter internally.

"The Town of Kirkland Police Department just assisted on the call," said English. "It was entirely handled by Campus Safety"

Cases of this nature are generally handled by the J-Board.

"Procedurally it was no different even though there wasn't a police issued ticket. J-Board isn't a court, they handle it the same way," said Ingalls.

Sarah Karalunas, editor-in-chief, contributed to this article.

Election Results:

-For the Office of President and Vice-President of the Student Assembly (to fill the vacancy), the winners are: **Amanda Chase '03 (President) & Jordan Burns '03 (VP)**

-For the Office of Appeals Board Representative the winners is: **Matt Harrison '03**

-For the Office of Class of 2004 Honor Court Representative, the winner is: **Andy Morgan '04**

Congratulations to all winners.

Conference urges to students to "work for social justice"

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those skills, inner city kids would [never be looked at as more than second-class citizens]. He makes the connection between education and activism both in his life and in the project."

One of the other alums attending, Skip McKoy, "is a great example of all the things you can do even if you don't know what you want to be when you 'grow up,'" said Ms. Vaughan. "He has done a variety of interesting things in his life, including his current work as president and CEO of 'DC Agenda,' an organization that 'tries to find solutions to urban Washington, D.C. problems that primarily affect poor folks."

Not only does this conference involve issues of activism, but also it brings other forms of social change to the public's attention. "Often, you think about social change and you think about the activists but there are many parts," said Nancy Rabinowitz. "There are lots of ways to be a lawyer or a teacher or a writer and still work for social justice," wrote Ms. Vaughan. According to a draft schedule, alums will be addressing questions like "How do you work for social justice at an elite private college?" "How can law become an instrument for social justice?" "How have [policymakers and grassroots activists] made social change happen? What obstacles did they face?"

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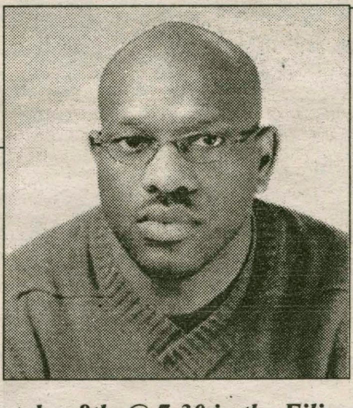

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Tobin "deeply moved" by student, faculty support

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have anguished over the embarrassment my speech-writing process has brought to our community. Ultimately, I concluded that it is in Hamilton's best interest that I step down as president."

The response from the student body came immediately after reading Tobin's email. Jason Haas '05 organized a rally outside of Burke Library for Wednesday in support of President Tobin. A group of "concerned students" created a letter-writing campaign, and the Student Assembly passed petitions around campus urging the Board of Trustees not to accept Tobin's resignation.

In an interview the day after announcing his resignation, Tobin said that he had received hundreds of emails from members of the community and that he was "moved" by the all of the gestures.

"My wife and I have been overwhelmed by expressions of support, particularly from students. I am almost speechless. I deeply appreciate all the expressions of kindness and generosity that we've received," said Tobin.

However, he said, the many pleas for him to remain as president would not alter his decision. "As difficult as it was to make this decision, I did it because I wanted the college to remain the community that it is," he said.

For Wednesday's rally, Haas lined up a number of different students and professors to speak, all with different messages for the Hamilton community.

Many of the student speakers retold individual kindnesses that they had experienced from President Tobin. "His simple gesture of remembering my name shows that he is someone who cares, someone who will go out of the way to make you feel at home," said Rob Parker '04.

Brian Farnkoff '05, a member of POSSE, cited Tobin's integral involvement in starting the program, which brings diverse groups of student leaders to college campuses.

Professors expressed mixed sentiments about Tobin's actions. Professor of Anthropology Bonnie Urciuoli said that "plagiarism is NOT what happened here."

In contrast, Associate Professor of Government Stephen Orvis supported President Tobin, but not his actions. "I support him. He's been a wonderful President, but he made the right decision in stepping down," said Orvis.

Many professors and students responded with shock to Tobin's decision. "No one had any expectation of resignation," said Professor of Comparative Literature Peter Rabinowitz. "Like everyone else, I think this is a really unfortunate situation."

Despite the shock caused by Tobin's announcement, many said it was the right decision for Tobin to make.

Professor of French John O'Neal regarded Tobin as "this fabulous leader. He has always been a wonderful communicator, the best communicator we've had in any leadership position on this campus... He is in a class by himself at this institution. He has given this institution a soul." Despite this, says O'Neal, "I don't condone this practice, and as an academic institution, we can't condone it."

Rabinowitz said, "No one on the faculty, and no one in this institution, other than Gene Tobin, knows the extent of what happened. Gene made the decision that resignation was in order. The rest of us are not in a position to make a judgment. In the end, he knew things we didn't."

A deciding factor for many was the acknowledgment of nine years of citation errors and lack of attribution. "He did not resign because of the Convocation speech," Professor Orvis said, alluding to the ongoing pattern of error. "This is serious. It really did happen. It is a pattern, and Gene admitted that. It's a pattern across a number of speeches," he said.

Commenting on his resignation, Professor O'Neal said, "He has so much moral capital. This has severely damaged that capital, but I still think he's a man of integrity. The more I think about it, the more I realize this is the right thing to do."

Other faculty members have expressed their passionate disagreement with President Tobin's decision to resign. James S. Sherman Professor of Government Philip Klinkner said, "There's a lot more to honor than footnotes. Honor consists of loyalty, gratitude, and forgiveness. Those three things have been in very short supply over the last two weeks." Professor Klinkner cited the difference between a speech and a term paper or published article, saying, "I think this one-size-fits-all standard of plagiarism is absurd."

Part of Klinkner's dismay comes from his belief that "this whole incident speaks to some level of self-righteousness on the part of the faculty." He continued by saying, "We're supposed to be educators, not parole officers. I'm just so goddamned angry."

Associate Professor of French Martine Guyot-Bender noted that after this incident, many members of the faculty would have to reevaluate their own teaching methods. "After this we must all look at our own courses and class notes. We are all guilty of this," she said.

While Professor O'Neal supports Tobin's decisions to resign, he makes clear the point that "some people are very quick to judge others. Those who judge harshly may well be judged harshly themselves one day. We're all human. We all make mistakes. I think the reason he resigned is because he loves this institution."

When asked whether she thought President Tobin might stay on at Hamilton as part of the teaching faculty, Professor of English Margie Thickstun said, "I would be delighted if he stayed, and I think many people feel that way. The rally yesterday gave a really clear sense of how much he has contributed and how very sorry everyone is."

Tobin himself did not say whether he intended to remain on as a faculty member, only that he would "look back fondly at his time as president" regardless of whether he remained at the college or not.

At Wednesday's rally Professor of Sociology Dennis Gilbert said, "In the future as we look back at all of this, we will realize...that he [Tobin] will have reestablished his career. I just wish there was a less painful way to get from here to there."

The Trustees will now designate a committee to begin the search for someone to fill the position of president at the end of the year. In addition to the committee with members of the College community, a search firm will be hired to help in the decision making process, said Scott. He said that he hopes the College will have chosen Tobin's successor by the end of the academic year.

"I would consider that [not having a choice made by the time Tobin leaves office] a defeat," said Scott. He said that the Board expects as many as 300 initial candidates from on and off campus.

Despite the high number of candidates, Haas says that Tobin will be "hard to replace."

"People don't look at him as a boss. He has a presence on campus that is unequivocal to any administrator I've dealt with. And I'm a national student organizer," said Haas, a member of POSSE. "They don't come like Gene."

PHOTO BY JOEL ORKIN-RAMEY '05

Students listen to Rob Parker '04 speak about Tobin's good character during the rally outside of Burke Library. Other speakers included Student Assembly Diversity and Disability Committee Chair Jason Haas '05, Professor of Sociology Dennis Gilbert, Professor of Anthropology Bonnie Urciuoli, and Professor of French John O'Neal.

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Vice President for Investments and Treasurer Daniel O'Leary and Mrs. O'Leary during Wednesday's rally. The rally was attended by students, faculty, and administration who wished to demonstrate support for Tobin.

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Elections 2002: An in-depth breakdown

by Francesca Jenkins '03
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This year's elections are crucial to both the Republican and Democrat parties, and they are important to track as Election Day approaches. Whether Republican, Democrat, a third party member, or none at all, it is important to be aware of the parties and power and your own representation, here as well as at home.

Before any analysis begins, background on this year's campaign is necessary.

With five weeks before Election Day, there is still a large number of races falling in the "too close to call" column. With Republicans needing to pick up one seat to regain control of the Senate and the Democrats needing a net of six seats to take back the House, the election is coming down to the wire.

Things got started late in this election cycle because of last year's terrorist attacks. Politics were put on hold last fall, especially political fund-raising, and that lag carried through the entire cycle. The issue agenda has shifted from foreign to domestic and now back to foreign. Republicans feel that the more foreign policy is emphasized, the better they'll do; Democrats keep trying to shift the debate back to the economy and more "kitchen-table" issues. (CBS News 9/25)

House Overview:

Since Labor Day, the Republicans have appeared to have the advantage, with 220 House seats currently firm (195) or leaning (25) on their side. The Democrats have a total of 206 seats, 190 solid and 16 leaning, all according to the Cook Political Report. Although President Bush remains extremely popular among the electorate, the election issues themselves seem to be ones that the Democrats can capitalize upon, such as a faltering economy and other domestic issues. Iraq and the war on terror are wild cards, dominating the news and pushing these issues aside, with only five weeks until Election Day. The war on terrorism, including the military action against Iraq, will shape the battle for the House, leaving President Bush with no margin for error in either fight if he wants his party to keep the majority. (Center for Politics)

Redistricting, which the Republicans hoped would benefit them, has not produced much. The main impact has been to reduce the number of competitive House races because incumbents generally saw to it that they were protected. In that sense, the GOP is helped a bit because there are fewer seats in play for the Democrats to pick off. There are now 47 races viewed as competitive, which is a relatively small number, meaning the Democrats have fewer opportunities to achieve the net gain of seven seats they need to wrest control. (CBS News 9/25).

Ultimately, it is the toss-up and lean seats that will determine the outcome.

Total races: 435
Magic number for majority: 218
Seats appearing safe/likely
Democrat: 190
Republican: 195
Highly competitive seats, leaning
Democrat: 16
Republican: 25
Toss-up: 9
Total of safe/likely leaning seats
Democrats: 206
Republicans: 220
Toss-ups: 9
Source: Cook Political Report; last updated 9/17/02

Senate Overview:

Unlike the House, where all 435 members are up for re-election every 2 years, the Senate relies on 6-year terms that vary in their election years. Of the 100 United States Senators, there are 32 seats open, and Democrats are hoping to improve their majority, while Republicans must defend 20 seats. But political analyst Charles Cook says the race to control the Senate is too close to call due to the number of closely contested races. (CNN.com)

No single entity will likely receive closer scrutiny over the next five weeks than the U.S. Senate. Partisan control of the "world's greatest deliberative body," as it is known, hangs in the balance.

Currently, the split is: 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans, and one independent– Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords–a former Republican who now votes with the Democrats on organizational issues.

The numbers are important, both organizationally and symbolically. Democrats control the committees and the agenda of the Senate by virtue of a single vote.

Republicans, if they are to gain a useful majority, must net at least two seats so that Vice President Dick Cheney is not forced to preside over the Senate to cast tie-breaking votes.

Whether the war against terrorism and the potential war with Iraq becomes the most important issue in Senate campaigns is yet to be determined. Right now, the Democrats want to stay in the fight for domestic and economic issues — including whether the minimum wage should be increased, prescription drug benefits for senior Americans, a "patient's bill of rights" for health care, and a rollback of the president's 2001 tax cuts.

Republican senators, who have been urged by some to campaign on the issue of the war, seem to be staying away from it thus far. They are trying to find other ways to tie themselves to President Bush and his 60-percent job approval ratings.

President Bush has campaigned aggressively this year to help raise $122 million so far for Republican candidates. It is clear that his priority has been to get the Senate back in the GOP column. The retirements of four popular Republican senators–Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Phil Gramm of Texas, and Fred Thompson of Tennessee–have made his task more difficult.

There are now 16 races, six Democratic and 10 Republican seats, where it is felt the incumbent is in strong position to be reelected, and 18 races where the outcome is not so clear. Eight of those 18 races–four current Democratic seats and four Republican–are absolute toss-ups.

Strong Democrat (6): Delaware - BIDEN (D) vs. Clatworthy (R), Illinois - DURBIN (D) vs. Durkin (R), Massachusetts - KERRY (D) has no GOP opponent, Michigan - LEVIN (D) vs. Raczikowski (R), Rhode Island - REED (D) vs. Tingle (R), West Virginia - ROCKEFELLER (D) vs. Wolfe (R).

Likely Democrat (1): Montana - BAUCUS (D) vs. Taylor (R).

Lean Democrat (3): Georgia - CLELAND (D) vs. Chambliss (R), Iowa - HARKIN (D) vs. Ganske (R), Louisiana - LANDRIEU (D) vs. Three GOP Opponents.

Toss-Up (8): Arkansas - HUTCHINSON (R) vs. Pryor (D), Colorado - ALLARD (R) vs. Stricland (D), Minnesota - WELLSTONE (D) vs. Coleman (R), Missouri - CARNAHAN (D) vs. Talent (R), New Hampshire - Shaheen (D) vs. Sununu (R), New Jersey - LAUTENBERG (D) vs. Forrester (R), South Dakota - JOHNSON (D) vs. Thune (R), Texas - Kirk (D) vs. Cornyn (R).

Lean Republican (4): North Carolina - Bowles (D) vs. Dole (R), Oregon - SMITH (R) vs. Bradbury (D), South Carolina - Sanders (D) vs. Graham (R), Tennessee - Clement (D) vs. Alexander (R).

Likely Republican (2): Maine - COLLINS (R) vs. Pingree (D), Oklahoma - INHOFE (R) vs. Walters (D).

Strong Republican (10): Alabama - SESSIONS (R) vs. Parker (D), Alaska - STEVENS (R) vs. Vondersaar (D), Idaho - CRAIG (R) vs. Blinken (D), Kansas - ROBERTS (R) has no Democratic opponent, Kentucky - MCCONELL (R) vs. Weinberg (D), Mississippi - COCHRAN (R) has no Democratic opponent, Nebraska - HAGEL (R) vs. Matulka (D), New Mexico - DOMENICI (R) vs. Tristani (D), Virginia - WARNER (R) has no Democratic opponent, Wyoming - ENZI (R) vs. Corcoran (D). (Senate info adapted from the CBS Political Unit)

BREAKING SENATE NEWS

Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) announced on Monday he was dropping his bid for re-election to United States Senate this fall. This comes after the revelation that he violated federal election laws by receiving illegal campaign contributions, which was revealed back in 1996, tainting his name from there forth. Illegal acceptance of campaign gifts led to testimony in front of the Senate Ethic Committee this summer, where he received a slap on the wrist, but was still eligible for re-election.

New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey (D) said the state's Democratic leadership would formally file a petition for former Senator Frank Lautenberg's candidacy to replace Torricelli as soon as the state Supreme Court approved the change in candidates. But that is where the challenge comes in. According to New Jersey state law, it is too late to replace Torricelli on the fall ballot, and Republicans have already promised to go after this issue aggressively. Not only does it not seem fair to switch candidates just because the current candidate dropped 20 points in the polls over the last 3 months, it is illegal. New Jersey law definitively states that a nominee may be replaced up until 51 days before the election. Torricelli's withdrawal came 36 days before November's balloting.

This could prove instrumental in Republicans gaining control of the Senate. But according to *The New York Times*, Democrats said they hoped that with a new candidate they might be able to save a seat that appears critical to their hopes of keeping a Senate majority. (10/1)

General Gubernatoral Overview:

Thirty-six states have governor's races this year. For the past eight years, Republicans have held a majority of governor's offices, but Democrats are hoping to make gains this year. The GOP has more offices to defend as many incumbent Republicans are facing term limits this year. Included in the 36 races are the "Big Four": California, New York, Texas, and Florida.

While Republicans have been closing the gap, Democrats will most likely have a net gain of at least three seats, said John Kohut, an analyst for the Cook Political Report. The breakdown is as follows:

CURRENT BREAKDOWN
Democrats 21, Republicans 27, Independents 2

OF THE 11 SEATS HELD BY DEMOCRATS:

LEANING/LIKELY REPUBLICAN
Alaska - Open, incumbent leaving
Hawaii - Open, incumbent leaving
N.H. - Open, incumbent leaving

TOSS-UP DEMOCRATIC
Alabama - Donald Siegelman
Iowa - Tom Vilsack
Maryland- Open, incumbent leaving
S. Carolina - Jim Hodges
Vermont - Open, incumbent leaving

LEANING/LIKELY DEMOCRATIC
California - Gray Davis
Georgia - Roy Barnes
Oregon - Open, incumbent leaving

OF THE 23 SEATS HELD BY REPUBLICANS:

LEANING/LIKELY DEMOCRATIC
Illinois - Open, incumbent leaving
Michigan - Open, incumbent leaving
New Mexico - Open, incumbent leaving
Penn. - Open, incumbent leaving
Tennessee - Open, incumbent leaving

TOSS-UP REPUBLICAN
Arizona - Open, incumbent leaving
Kansas - Open, incumbent leaving
Mass. - Open, incumbent leaving
R.I. - Open, incumbent leaving
Wisconsin - Scott McCallum
Wyoming - Open, incumbent leaving

LEANING/LIKELY REPUBLICAN
Arkansas - Mike Huckabee
Connecticut - John G. Rowland
Florida - Jeb Bush
Idaho - Dirk Kempthorne
Mass. - Open, incumbent leaving
New York - George E. Pataki
Oklahoma - Open, incumbent leaving
S. Dakota - Open, incumbent leaving
Texas - Rick Perry

SOLID REPUBLICAN
Colorado - Bill Owens
Nebraska - Mike Johanns
Nevada - Kenny Guinn
Ohio - Bob Taft

OF THE 2 SEATS HELD BY INDEPENDENTS:

LEANING/LIKELY DEMOCRATIC
Maine - Open, incumbent leaving

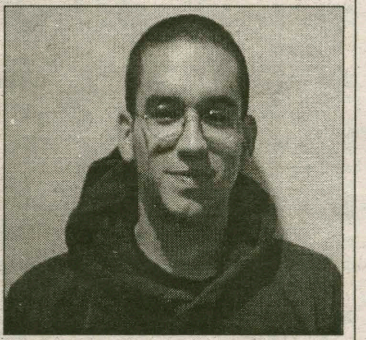
TOSS-UP
Minnesota - Open, incumbent leaving

Source: Cook Political Report; Updated 9/17/02

There you have it–your breakdown of the 2002 campaigns. Stay tuned for updates and analysis as we move closer and closer to Election Day.

Hamilton Unscripted:

Who should be the next President of Hamilton College?



"Sponge Bob Squarepants, because he brings it around town."
- Brandon Nichols '03 & Tracy Nichols '03

"John O'Keeffe '01, he would keep up the tradition of pleasing st

udents with unnecessary amenities."
- Heather Pratt '04 & Sarah Siegel '04

"Dan Kaufmann because he's smart and he knows what this campus needs, and he likes to be an American."
- Paul Kibbe '05

"Wayne Gentile because he knows what's up, yo."
- Emily Backman '04

"Ralph Nader because I think this school's too conservative."
- Chris Marcal '05

"Someone who has a connection to the college and understands what we need more than an outsider."
- Alexandra Sear '05

"Annie Sprinkle, she has a PhD and she could do wonderful things for the Student Body."
- Colby Fisher '03

"Whit Rothe, because he's already running the school."
- Dan Galvin '05

"One of the Kennedys because we need a President who will sleep with the students."
- Doug Lambert '06

"Kurt Magnold '02 because he started FebFest."
- Katy Healy-Wurzburg '05

"David Paris, it'll be like Tobin never left."
- Monica do Outeiro '03

"Pat Ingalls because she owns the campus anyway."
- Erica Gomez '05

"Perry Nizzi, our soccer coach, because he's a winner and he's a people person, and he's a talker."
- Lars Hedburg '05

"Dean Fuller, in admissions, because he's responsible, personable, and he cares about Hamilton."
- Nikki de Foster '05

"Maurice Michaane, because it's his first step to taking over the world."
- C.J. Cantil '04

COMPILED BY BILL CHENEVERT '05

Thumbs Up

-That blue, sweet-ass-sweet crane

-Short lines at the kegs and a sexually provocative dance floor at the Psi U gong show on Saturday

-ATX alums returning to the Hill this weekend...better swing by the Health Center and stock up

-SoloQuest: One student's mission to masturbate in every building on campus before graduation

-The new all-campus recycle bin: that ugly basket design hanging off the side of the Diner

-Seeing your RA getting double-teamed on Agginazation

Thumbs Down

- That a president as good as Gene Tobin had to go out on such a sour note

-The movie theater-esque candy prices at the Diner

-Bon Appetit's stubborn refusal to take down numbers in Commons or McEwen for the cardless...what's next, stealing sea turtle eggs?

-Hamilton College Cable. They get better stations in the caves of Afghanistan

-Missing last Friday's WWE event at the Utica Aud.

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03

Who Cares?

-Pre-gaming before the football game...that's like pre-gaming before an execution

-The student assembly election process lasting longer than the actual terms

-Campus Safety's new cost-cutting policy: any car in the Dunham lot after 5 p.m. on Sunday is blown up

-George Pataki's decision to drain the Erie Canal

-People who say, "No one loves me" everyday when they don't receive mail...you're right, mommy should have aborted you

Student initiated rally in front of Burke an emotional scene

BILL CHENEVERT '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

At 4:46 p.m. on Tuesday, President Tobin's all–campus email went out explaining his resignation and the circumstances behind his decision. One hundred minutes later, Jason Haas '05 initiated the concept of a loud student response to Gene Tobin's resignation in the form of a rally to be held at noon on the steps of Burke Library. My expectations were of a quiet gathering of students to display our solemn support for a man who has done extraordinary things for the Hamilton community. Approaching the library, I spotted several news cameras, security, most of my fellow editors, and an initially sparse collection of students. The rally would soon turn into a spectacle that this editor would like to examine with a critical eye.

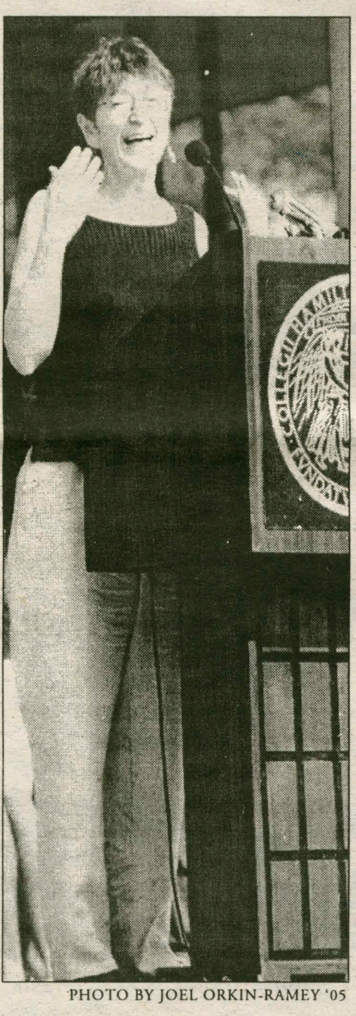


PHOTO BY JOEL ORKIN-RAMEY '05

Bonnie Urciuoli passionately defended President Tobin during the rally on Wednesday.

The topic has been beaten to death. President Tobin was inappropriate with his citations in his Commencement speech, an apology came about after Tobin was confronted by faculty members, and drastic repercussions for his actions were inevitable. However, Tobin's announcement of his resignation still came as a surprise to many. It was said that faculty members were in tears upon Tobin's announcing his intent to step down as President. So with all this in mind, I was anxious to see how the rally would be formatted, to see how many students would turn out, and to see what the tone of the sentiments expressed would be. I would soon be disappointed by the cliché-ridden empty comments from the student body.

Professor Gilbert from the Sociology department was the first to speak, conveying an ambivalent tone of regret and pride for President Tobin. He offered, "If his future were left up to the faculty, he would continue on as President." He also said, "He has done more than enough," and that "this is a sad day for Hamilton College and for Gene Tobin." His remarks started the rally off nicely, addressing the seriousness of the situation and not unnecessarily stroking the President for his good deeds. An impassioned John O'Neal from the French Department spoke next. His words were inspirational to his fellow faculty members as he spoke at the faculty meeting that Tobin called to announce his resignation. O'Neal said, "Gene Tobin has worked harder than anyone on this campus in making this a premier institution." He also noted, "Gene Tobin has put the people back in Hamilton College - he's given this college a soul."

O'Neal's tone of celebration would be echoed by speaker after speaker later in the rally. Professor of English Margie Thickstun followed John O'Neal with little to say. She had worked with Gene Tobin for nearly fifteen years and appeared to be torn on any kind of stance. She finished quickly and let the students take the podium.

Rob Parker '04 shared his comments by describing the anecdote from the first week he was on campus. On his way home to North, after an embarrassing night at the hypnotist, Rob passed President Tobin and Gene said, "Hi Rob, how are you?" Rob has been impressed with Tobin's personability throughout the years. Martine Kalaw '03 followed with her take on the situation as a question of morality and ethics. She said that we were here as a student body in unwavering support of President Tobin and that she was proud to be a Hamilton student. She added that we are at a loss due to Tobin's resignation.

Bonnie Urciuoli, from the Anthropology department and a specialist in linguistics and oral communication, delivered an emotionally charged address. She felt that President Tobin's taking from various sources for his Convocation speeches was following in Tobin's commitment to the best interest of the college. She appeared shaken and upset at the way Tobin's inappropriate citing has become grounds for his resignation. Liz Dolan '05, followed Bonnie's comments with a short and sweet speech about how we, as students, were there for the support of Tobin in his decision and in his future endeavors. An impromptu response to Bonnie Urciuoli's comments came next from Government Professor Stephen Orvis. He took on the duty of voicing the opinion that Tobin should at least resign and that his mistake warranted stiff consequences. He reminded the audience that at the faculty meeting on Tuesday, Tobin made it clear that this fall's Convocation speech was not a fluke but a nine-year tradition of misappropriation. Orvis said, "Gene Tobin made the right decision and his resignation is in the best interest of the college."

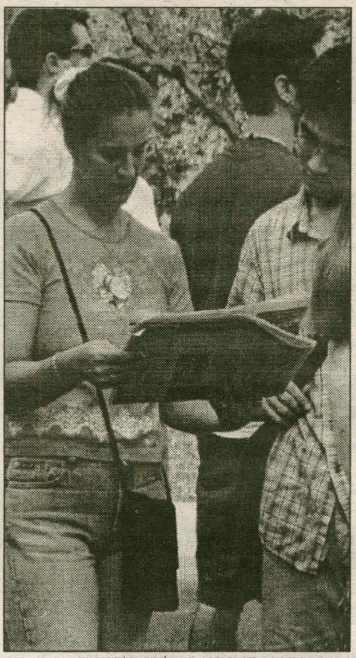


PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Two students look over a newspaper article about Tobin's resignation.

The faculty speeches were noteworthy and expressed opinions and stances that the students want to hear. Many students didn't and still don't know what to make of the whole situation and to see faculty reacting emotionally and honestly was thoroughly refreshing. The sentiment behind the rally was genuinely impressive. Jason Haas and his fellow officers of the Student Assembly deserve the credit of creating an audible reaction to Tobin's resignation. However, most of the speeches reflected a stance of admiration for Tobin's accomplishments and little else. If I seem disappointed with the spectacle, I am. The rally should have been better attended and the student speeches could've reflected a more diverse attitude amongst the student body regarding the controversy surrounding Tobin's speech.

Mad at Tobin:

One student's had enough

ALINA TROYA '04
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Okay, maybe I'm being selfish, but I'm mad. I'm mad that President Tobin did what he did, and I'm mad that he resigned, and I'm mad that there is nothing we can do about it now.

While I still feel that we are missing information, I also think that we know enough to agree with Tobin's decision to resign.

Why didn't he just write his own sentences? Why would he send a professor to the source from which he lifted information if he knew it was wrong? Why would he just neglect to cite the sources? These are all questions that leave us with answers that don't make sense. Gene Tobin is an intelligent, eloquent man, so the entire situation is practically incomprehensible. We can speculate his intentions all we want, but the facts are that he admitted to writing the speech, failing to cite properly, and to repeating this pattern throughout his years as president, and so we must take all of this to be true. What enfuriates me is that I am forced to realize that a person whom I respect so highly is really a liar. That's what it comes down to for me. I am mad because of the way I feel. I am torn between wanting to just forgive the man, and also needing to uphold a moral standard. I am mad at President Tobin for putting me, and so many others, in this situation, and I am mad that I still feel so terribly sorry for him. You can't help but feel compassionate for a man whose life has just been so totally altered. While I feel it was imperative that he resign, I am, again, mad that he did it.

When I got the e-mail, it felt as if someone had died; like someone was suddenly taken away from us. This is a selfish thing because I was mostly upset that some of the things I love so much about Hamilton would now be gone. One of my favorite memories at Hamilton comes from freshman year, when I went and heard Tobin read How the Grinch Stole Christmas at Goodnight Opus. I thought it was special that my school and my president did things like that. And now, as a junior, I am mad that I will never get to have my senior dinner at Tobin's house, and he won't be the one at our graduation. I know that most of us are trying to both show our support for Tobin's decision as well as thank him for all that he has done for Hamilton as an institution, but I can't fight the feeling of utter regret for everything that lies within me. There is basically nothing we can do about it, so I guess we just have to move on and wish President Tobin luck in moving on as well.

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The inevitability of October

Jubin Kwon '05
Insights & Ideas Contributor

In my ten years of existence as a Boston Red Sox fan, sheer repetition has taught me this: If the Red Sox are playing the New York Yankees and are up by fewer than five runs, they will likely lose. A Red Sox fan is always edgy, shuns predictions, and craves results. Safety equals a win, a big "FINAL" after the score, the tarp over the infield, and the lights off.

I have seen the Yankees come back to win games from three or four runs back so often that every game looks alike in my memory. All I see are balls sailing over fences and Yankees crowding at the plate, congratulating the runner heading home. They own the eighth and ninth innings – they should be renamed "Yankee time."

I would prefer that the Yankees were not so good, would not win so many games, and would one day settle in the basement of the American League East, but then again, I am also awake and non-delusional.

As Red Sox fans, whenever we hear the word "Yankees," it should ideally be followed by "sucks." Loving to hate the Yankees is a city-wide passion. Walk up Landsdowne St. after a Red Sox game and you'll find T-shirt vendors with their wares spread out on the hoods of cars. These are the infamous "Yankees Suck" shirts. You have likely seen them paired with a Keystone and the backwards, worn-down Red Sox cap. "Jeter Swallows" has joined the chorus, along with shirts printed with lists of the entire Yankee lineup. You can suck them all down at once for a mere $10.

I don't waste my time hating the Yankees any more. I admire them from a distance, expect them to come from behind to win the game, and am genuinely surprised and appreciative when they lose. Let's go Yankees, let's go.

One student wishes Tobin could stay at Hamilton

John Kuhl '06
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Life isn't perfect, and neither are people. Often in life, we have experiences that we would like to go back in time to correct. As a Hamilton student, I certainly wish President Tobin's speech didn't develop into the firestorm of media attention and generally negative image that Hamilton is currently experiencing. However, life goes on; people forget, and the day–to–day activities that we all find ourselves doing once again consume our attention. In the scheme of things, one small event, which in all honesty is no more than a quick blurb in a local newspaper to everyone outside our campus, doesn't mean a thing.

The fact that a man has successfully led Hamilton for nine years, while also bringing the college to a higher level of prestige, is not something that can be easily forgotten or ignored. Who are we to disregard literally almost a quarter of a century's worth of service to our college simply because he has a flawed method of speech–writing? The answer to that question is that as a people we have become more focused on image and public opinion than what really matters. The person we should really be asking to resign is the one who informed the Associated Press of what should have been an on–campus issue. He or she has done Hamilton the disservice.

I'm only a freshman, but last year, in my search to find the right college, I attended several Hamilton events. I was surprised, but extremely pleased, to notice that President Tobin took the time to attend and participate in these events. It showed me how much he cared about the success of this college, and how much he supported both the efforts of Hamilton's students and faculty. This was one of the major reasons I chose to apply early decision to Hamilton. My impression of him has been proven true and even furthered in my experience thus far on campus. A problem, which most certainly will never occur again, should not be enough to end a good man's career.

Tobin's decision to resign only further proves his dedication to this college, and the sense of responsibility and morality that we so frequently ask of our society, but rarely find in practice. The worst outcome from this situation would be to allow someone who has been a great president to leave over what I consider to be a somewhat serious, but rather petty mistake.

Campus Safety Reminder:
The tailgating area is the grassy area behind the goal posts. This area is reserved for families and guests; students' cars are prohibited. Student consumption of alcohol in this area is also prohibited. Campus Safety will strictly enforce all policies.

Who are we?

College chaplain's remarks on Colgate's Presidential inauguration

Jeff McArn
Hamilton College Chaplain

Last Sunday I went to Colgate University to witness the inauguration of their new president, Rebecca Chopp. The inaugural address was given by James Laney, former president of Emory University and ambassador to South Korea under the Clinton administration. He spoke of a day when the need for moral leadership in our country would require of institutions like Colgate (and Hamilton College) a different vision for education. No longer would colleges and universities prepare elite men and women primarily to take their place of privilege in the marketplace. Since September 11 we in the business of higher learning, Laney said, need to be about the work of shaping moral foundations for young people who will be leading our nation in a time that calls for a keen moral compass.

As I was listening to Laney's remarks – and his charge to Colgate's new president – I was encouraged by what I heard, because I knew that we at Hamilton College had a president who understands the primacy of moral concerns in a liberal arts experience. I knew we had a president who has the depth of character to lead an academic community into a post-9/11 world and help guide us toward Laney's educational vision. I knew we had a president with just such a profound integrity because I have seen him lead candlelight vigils with compassion and insight. I have seen him mourn the death of a student, knowing what to say to a grieving community.

And I have seen President Tobin do the right thing when confronted with his practice of speech-writing, which does not offer citations for some sources of material in an oral presentation. He apologized for his actions to the entire Hamilton community, when most of us would have ducked for cover. But Gene Tobin does not maneuver like a CEO for Enron or WorldCom. Gene Tobin did something that public figures avoid at all costs – he admitted a mistake and said he was sorry, and promised to do better.

But an admission of a mistake by a CEO is news, big news, to the outside world. It is disappointing that someone from our community took it upon himself, at this moment of vulnerability, to leak the story to major news media sources. I cannot imagine what would motivate someone to make this a national story, to undermine not only the integrity of one who has served this institution with loyalty for 22 years, but also the reputation of our college. It is also disappointing that our Board of Trustees seemed more concerned about Hamilton's reputation to the outside world than to stand by Hamilton's president, who had done the honorable thing.

Can it be there are people in our midst who value more highly the strict adherence to citation principles in oral communication than they value the courage of someone who admits when he's wrong and asks for the chance to change? Can it be there are people in our midst who prize as our highest standard for a person of character, to be one who without fail cites sources, and not one who shows the fortitude and humility to confess himself to be lacking (and who among us would claim otherwise about ourselves?) and embrace the correction?

For those who do prefer "academic honesty" as the highest moral principle –for our community, I have some questions:

- Is there a difference between "academic" work and speeches President Tobin might make in front of a Convocation audience or a fundraising event?
- Is there a difference between "academic" work of a faculty member and, say, an in-class lecture which may draw on materials which are not necessarily cited in an effort to communicate effectively with a class full of students?
- Do we have faculty members in our community who "borrow" elements from colleagues without acknowledging sources on a particular syllabus or a question on a final exam?

But these questions are, as they say, "academic." We don't have our president for much longer. Gene Tobin has resigned, and the Board of Trustees has agreed with that decision. And those of us who see President Tobin as a uniquely talented person of intelligence, sensitivity, with a passion for liberal arts education, and a level of integrity rare among college presidents, we are left to mourn this loss and to grieve for our college.

What is left for all of us to consider is this: who are we? What kind of people are we? What is our moral orientation? Are we primarily committed to a code of academic honesty for which we are willing to prosecute at any cost? Or are we first and foremost committed to teaching our students how to be human beings of integrity who value the courage of admitting our shortcomings and the humility of turning again to what is right? If we are mainly concerned about the former, we can relax: we've done our job well. If we're committed to the latter, we have a long way to go. As we stand on the brink of war with Iraq, who will lead America in providing some moral conscience for us? Who will lead us to examine ourselves and discover where we are lacking, where our own self-interests may be clouding our vision of what's right and good? Who will lead us ... might it be a Hamilton student? It is our job to make sure they are prepared to be such leaders. Isn't that who we are?

Greek Afterlife for Alumni Dummies

Roughly a year ago today, we, the Insightful Independents released our virgin work entitled Greek Life for Dummies. It was, in short, the bible for any aspiring frat boy or sorority sweetheart. Since then, our legend has only grown, and thus the demand for a sequel of sorts has escalated. Though admittedly we run the risk of the old 'the sequel is never as good as the original' theory, we figured if nothing else, we'd at least piss a few more people off. With that in mind, this alumni weekend, who better to target than those former brothers and sisters of the Hill returning to the Tech after a stint in the "Real World". We are, of course, speaking of Greek Alums——some of whom are the fine young men and women who inspired the original Greek Life for Dummies in the first place. So you senior societal members especially, listen up, because this is what you have to look forward to.

Chris Preston '03
Charles Spiliotis '03
Insightful Independents

Alpha Delta Phi (AD): The courtroom replaces the soccer field as the one place you guys actually earn a little bit of respect. Of course all that respect is long lost once your clients discover that that six month cold you've been fighting is in fact a coke habit that would make Darryl Strawberry blush. And don't worry, you'll still get chicks, because those valuable skills learned from that Mardi Gras party have made you an expert in the art of "spiking the punch" (Bar-hopping=roofie-dropping). But fear not, should you get caught in this sleight of hand, one of your brothers will come to defend you, just as soon as he takes off his kneepads and straightens his collar.

Chi Psi: This is a toss-up. You guys are so random you could be living anywhere from a farm in Nebraska to a cave in Bali. A good portion of you will have moved to Jamaica, where your talents with the bong have plugged you heavily into the social pipeline. We wanted to write more here, but seriously, what the hell else do you guys do besides smoke weed?

Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE): Still chauffeuring stragglers back from last year's debacle that was Gin and Juice. Our advice for this weekend guys: wear name tags, cause no one knows who the hell you are.

Delta Phi: Now even richer nerds, you guys dominate Wall Street like white trash dominates CNY. Unfortunately, all that success won't do you a bit of good, when you guys are doing 15 to 20 for your roles in Enron and WorldCom-like catastrophes. Whatever you do, don't pick up the soap, fellas.

Delta Upsilon (DU): You guys are the high school assistant coaches and gas station attendants of the world. Sadly, all those meathead muscles that flourished during your days on the Hill have given way to 300 pounds of man boobs and Keystone bellies (at minimum wage, 30 beers for nine bucks sounds pretty damn good to you). You take time away from your busy schedule of soing your alcoholic roots and inciting domestic dispute to save a little time for that over-40 softball league, where you can relive your days of IM stardom and tell stories about how you were the toughest damn touch football player who ever lived.

Psi Upsilon: Your post-graduation job search was immediately cut short by a deportation notice sending you back north of the border where you belong. Unless you're Guy Hebert, the closest thing you'll see to ice time after you leave is fishing on Lake Champlain. Your groupie chicks have given way to some toothless slut you picked up at the local watering hole, and your monopoly on campus damage has transformed into a vandalism rap sheet longer than Peter North's hammer.

Sigma Phi: Those of you who aren't dabbling in a hermit lifestyle in some obscure forest, have helped establish a Café Opus franchise exclusively for shady freaks like you. For those of you returning to campus this weekend, the only thing more groovy than your trip up the Hill is the constant acid trips you'll be on once you get here.

Theta Delta Chi (TDX): Do any of you actually ever achieve alumni status? The majority of you scraggly-haired idiots celebrate your 30th birthdays several months prior to donning the cap and gown. But let's be honest, the only way you guys are ever getting out of here with a diploma is by taking a page out of Eugene's book, and we don't mean Oregon. So, diploma or no diploma, what next? Teaching your kids how to roll a "J" over dinner? Taking them by the Rok to see Uncle Sarge for a post-lacrosse cocktail? Whatever you do with them, be prepared to pay for at least eight years worth of tuition.

Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE): Locked in a basement collectively designing the most lucrative internet porn site known to man. That is, of course, after your contract with ITS expired.

Alpha Theta Chi (ATX): Let's put it this way, something tells us that half of you have already gotten to know Annie Sprinkles. Your successful networking allows you to flourish in a field where the phrase "double fisting" doesn't refer to how many cosmos you have in your hand. But those of you who aren't interested in earning a pearl necklace for a hard day's work find yourselves in a well-paid secretarial position where you and your boss both earn your Christmas bonuses thanks to the extra hours you spend vacuuming under the desk. But hey, if those bonuses aren't quite meeting your expectations, you can just move back home and live off daddy's deep pockets. After all, what does he care if there's one more slut under his roof.

Gamma Xi: After your short stint with Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey, you decided to settle down with some plus-sized fellow, spending most afternoons on the couch with your two favorite women: Oprah Winfrey and Jenny Craig.

Kappa Delta Omega (KDO): To be honest, you "Shady Hoes" stumped us big time. Are you art dealers, drug dealers, or somewhere in between? Bottom line is, nobody cared about you then, so why would anyone care now?

Phi Beta Chi (PBX): You've searched lacrosse fields far and wide, but nothing compares to the pride you felt as the official TDX slam whores. However, the conniving lessons you learned in your days at the brothel have enabled you to become successful businesswomen (i.e., you have successfully managed to sleep your way up the proverbial corporate ladder). Of course that is the only life lesson you remember from your days at Hamilton since the rest are lost in a blur of Tanqueray Gin and late night sin.

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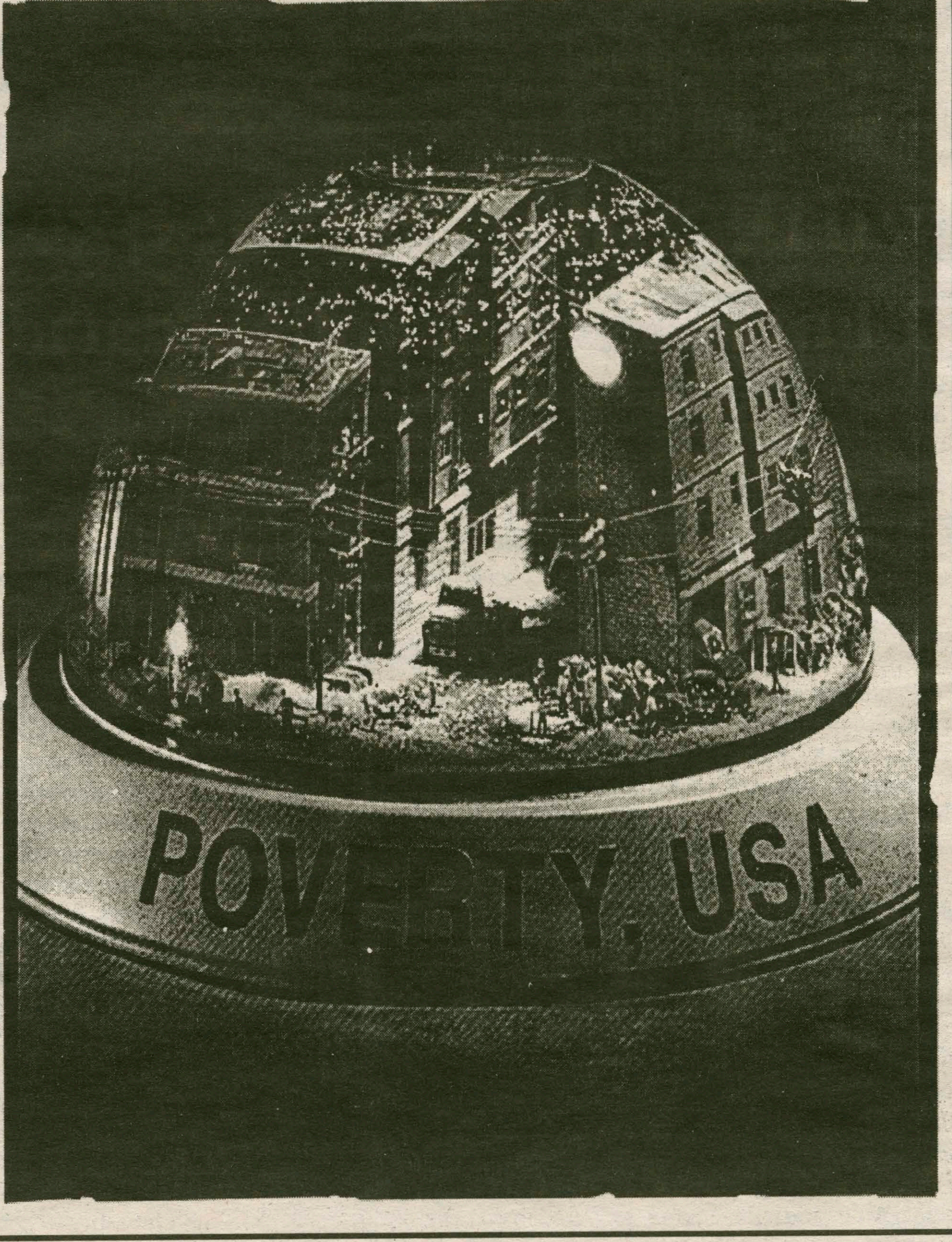

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Senior Fellow making monumental music

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Music Composition major Jon Paul Bellona '03, is currently hard at work on his innovative Senior Fellowship project, entitled "Monument of Sound: Creating a Vietnam War Memorial."

In exploring what he describes as "the possibilities of sound as a means for a monument," Bellona's project aims to incorporate audio voice recordings of all 58,204 names of those Americans who died in or are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as audio samples from the time period, such as news broadcasts and various supplemental natural sounds.

The ultimate goal of his project is the creation of a "sonic memorial for the veterans of the Vietnam War, a work of cohesive emotional value," as he wrote in his fellowship proposal.

Bellona is approaching this endeavor with a relatively new form of music composition in mind: musique concrète, which he describes as "taking natural sounds, like the shutting of a door, a voice, or a singing bird, into the studio and manipulating them to create art."

One day while sitting in Beinecke Village, listening to online audio samples from the Vietnam War, Bellona was struck by the possibilities of exploring this new form of composition for the purposes of a memorial.

"It hit me," Bellona said. With background knowledge gained from a class on Music in the 20th century, Bellona was ready to start constructing a memorial that, instead of being conventionally comprised of a concrete object, is made of sound.

In order to create this memorial, Bellona is recording 150 different individuals reading the names of all those memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., in a range of different volumes and tones, from a whisper to a scream. The representation of ethnic, age, and gender groups he is employing is as reflective of the original men and women that fought and died in the war as he possibly can achieve within the given time constraints. At this time, Bellona has recordings of approximately 75 individuals' voices recorded, and is working hard to have the second half recorded as soon as possible.

After recording all the voices, Bellona will go into the studio to separate out and organize the recorded names, which he will then combine with audio samples from the Vietnam War, as well as other appropriate sounds, such as the sounds of shells exploding and the sounds of the Vietnam jungle at night.

One of the tracks that Bellona outlined in his proposal, entitled "Dead Men Rising," will use the layering and speed of the spoken names to represent the rapid escalation of casualties in 1966. Bellona wrote, "The speed will keep rolling faster and faster and the names keep piling higher and higher until the whole work will become a huge wave of sound ready to explode." This track will be the eighth of seventeen total tracks in the work, each representing a year in which Americans died on Vietnamese soil as a result of the war.

Bellona particularly emphasizes the emotional aspect and impact that using human voice and natural sounds creates. He wrote in his proposal, "Calling out their names is more human than chiseled engravings on stone, because the human voice will personify their memories."

In addition to time in the studio, the bulk of which will be spent next semester, Bellona's research includes a trip both to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Museum of Television and Radio in New York City.

Bellona hopes to have all 58,204 of the names organized and recorded by the end of Winter Break so that he may devote the bulk of spring semester to mixing and producing the voice recordings and audio samples into his finished work. He aims to have the final product run for 3 to 4 hours, but allows for the possibility that it may run for up to 8 hours. His anticipated finish date is in April, at which time his project will be presented in Wellin Hall, Cafe Opus, the Events Barn, on Martin's Way and possibly at the Kirkland Arts Center.

PHOTO BY ANNATASHA GRITTEN '03

Hard work will be music to Jon Bellona's ears.

As a senior fellow, Bellona is not required to complete a concentration, but he fully intends to do so with his major in Music Composition and minor in Philosophy. Both in his extracurricular activities, which include being an RA in Rogers, a Varsity soccer player, and a DJ on WHCL, and in his coursework, Bellona exhibits a breadth in experience that the Academic Council selecting Senior Fellows looks for each year.

Along with more concrete requirements, such as having an 88 average and 24 course credits going into the fellowship year, Senior Fellows are chosen on the basis of both the size and scope of their proposed project. Candidates are expected to have a certain special "temperament," as Director of the Senior Fellowship Program John O'Neill termed it. "They need to be able to handle lots of individual work and responsibility," he noted. He added, "It's a very, very distinguished honor."

Bellona certainly recognizes this honor, and is eager to live up to the expectations of a Senior Fellow. Bellona feelings about his project are clear in his proposal when he wrote, "To be granted the opportunity to bring tribute to these men and women who have fought to retain my freedoms and my values will be an honor and a privilege."

When asked how he feels about the upcoming year in terms of his work, Bellona answered, "I'm ecstatic."

Little '00 experiences big growth abroad

Student's Fulbright fellowship leads to EU scholarhship

by Christopher R. LaRosa '03
SENIOR EDITOR

Dan Little '00 went to Germany to teach English after graduating from Hamilton. Germany taught him how to ride Harleys.

Little, never an aficionado of Harleys while on the Hill or in his native Ohio, took up the hobby while in Europe after receiving a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship in Germany.

As seniors submit applications this week for the chance to gain similar awards, juniors, sophomores and first-years may want to start thinking now of their own proposals and what the future might hold as Fulbright scholars.

Fulbright fellowships allow students the opportunity to pursue their own research, take courses at foreign universities, or teach abroad. Last year graduating Hamilton seniors received grants to purse their interests in Sweden, Russia, Jordan and the island of Dominica.

Motorcycling was just one of the many cultural bridges Little crossed during his Fulbright year.

A German and Economics double major at Hamilton, Little studied abroad during his Junior year. Returning to the hill, he was looking for a way to build upon his experience. A Fulbright Fellowship enabled Little to reach his goal.

"I was determined to return to Europe... There's no better way to have someone pay for you to do what you want to do," said Little.

In Germany, Little taught 5th - 13th grade students English, American studies, sociology and economics. In addition to teaching, Little attended classes in German Art and advanced his knowledge of European Education at the local university

While teaching, Little started a club for Russian migrant students, common in Germany, to aid them in adjusting to German lifestyle. The club proved helpful for both the students and Little himself.

"Being uncomfortable is part of learning," said Little of his experience.

Little's time in Europe took an interesting turn when at the end of his fellowship year he was awarded a Socrates Scholarship from the European Union for graduate study in German Language.

Although Socrates Scholarships are usually reserved for EU residents Little said that after a little arm-twisting he was granted a scholarship to work on graduate studies abroad.

The EU sent Little "abroad" from Germany to Barcelona, Spain. At the University of Barcelona, Little studied German and Catalan Languages.

"The Fulbright and the Socrates were the best years of my life. I was able to dive into the culture... I have a better understanding of how the EU school system works and how the EU government works. I feel like I can speak about [European education] with authority."

Now back in the states Little is looking to further his graduate studies in international affairs begining this spring.

FULBRIGHT

HOC summits 18 of 46 Peaks

by Ian Mendel '06
FEATURES WRITER

Faced with inclement weather and transportation glitches, the Hamilton Outing Club's (HOC) "Forty-Six Peaks Weekend" yielded quality, but not quantity. As HOC's biggest annual event, last weekend was an attempt to have at least one member of the Hamilton community reach each of the forty-six highest peaks in the Adirondack Mountains.

HOC, in its fifty-sixth year of existence, began sponsoring the event in 1995, under the leadership of Outing Club Officers Brett Straten '96, Erik Jacobsen '97, Ned Stankus '96, and John Slack '96.

Over the past seven years, the trip has become one of the most highly regarded and anticipated of the academic year.

While all forty-six peaks have never been reached on a single trip, this year's outing was less successful than past years, with an estimated tally pf merely eighteen peeks reached, primarily due to inclement weather.

"Unfortunately, the weather seemed to scare a few folks off. The remnants of the hurricane on Friday discouraged many," said HOC Officer Ellie Thompson '03.

"Originally, we did have all the peaks covered, but schedules change and good weather proves to be uncertain," Thompson said.

This year's tally of eighteen peaks is far below last year's total of thirty four and equals the lowest count recorded to date.

Foul weather was not the only deterrent to the success of this year's outing. HOC also had difficulties in securing sufficient transportation for all interested.

"We attempt to get a ride for people who need transportation, but that aspect did not work out that well this year," HOC Officer Jeff Dyer '04 said.

Thompson elaborated on the issue, explaining that, "We planned on having vans available for participants, but getting transportation to pick up vans in Syracuse was logistically difficult, due to brakes failing on cars that were on campus."

Only one of the three vans scheduled to take students into the mountains was used.

Despite the low turnout, those who did participate had an experience not to be forgotten.

"It was great - I wish more Hamilton kids would get out to the mountains, appreciate natural beauty, and enjoy the simple life," said Richard Waite '03.

"Forty Six Peaks Weekend" is merely one of the ways in which HOC attempts to connect the Hamilton community with its surrounding environment.

"The main goals of HOC are to provide students, staff, and faculty with the optimal opportunity of having a fun outdoor adventure," Thompson said.

HOC will sponsor additional trips this year, including canoeing, climbing and hiking for a range of ability levels.

Any students interested can attend HOC Open Hours on Monday and Thursday evenings, from 7:00 until 9:00 in the basement of Benedict.

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Twelve joyful students atop a manificent Big Slide Mt.

Real life X-files - UFO Conspiracy?

by Allison Davis '06
FEATURES WRITER

For some people, the subject of UFOs conjures up rather clichÈ images of little, green men and flying saucers. For others, the word ìhoaxî comes to mind, as many consider the existence of UFOs to be baseless.

On Oct. 6th, UFO researcher Robert Hastings gathered a small crowd in the Annex and attempted to sway these previous notions about the subject of his lifeís work. Hastingsí presentation commenced with a film history of UFO activity throughout the past half-century. He then explained exactly how our culture made these ìflying saucersî a part of the national consciousness.

It is often assumed that the heyday of UFO activity occurred in the 1940s and 50s, a time when aliens and space travel appeared frequently in popular movies and comics. Hastings, however, dispelled this belief from the start.

"UFO activity was hardly isolated but it occurred all throughout the last half of the century, although it hasn't been as visible," Hastings said.

The aforementioned two decades only sparked the beginning of concentrated UFO research by such organizations as NICAP (the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) and the advent of popular interest in the subject. The fifties marked the production of a series of UFO and extraterrestrial-related B movies and comic strips, as well as some of the more famous paranoid Cold War-era newspaper headlines.

Hastings also presented a series of UFO anecdotes from civilians and both law-enforcement and military personnel. These accounts have yet to be disproved. In addition to personal narratives (which often involved direct encounters with beings assumed by the witnesses to be extraterrestrial) he showed a series of supposedly unaltered photos of mysterious objects in the sky, ranging from rural New Hampshire to Roswell, New Mexico.

Many of these objects took the shape of the classic saucer or disk.

Recognizing that most of the audience had seen these photos and heard these anecdotes before, Hastings proceeded to bring out the smoking gun: authentic documents revealing involvement in UFO ìsecurityî by the FBI, CIA, and NSA (National Security Agency). These documents, all released recently under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) allow the curious public to view the governmentís internal position on UFOs. By any standards, this position proves quite different from the standard governmental denials released to the public.

Although almost 100,000 UFO-related documents have been released under FOIA, many are still heavily censored. At one point, Mr. Hastings exhibited a document that had been completely blacked out, save one or two words.

These documents are public property, but, as Hastings confided, "The government will give you a hard time if you try to get them. I am not condoning a national consensus regarding UFOs, I simply believe it is the publicís right to know."

Hastings continued with this thread of government conspiracies by explaining the little-known correlation between UFO activity and nuclear power, a connection that he believes to have been concealed from the public in a number of incidents. Such incidents include massive blackouts tied to UFO activity over nuclear power plants, mysterious shutdowns of missile silos, and suspicious objects in the sky over Los Alamos, NM, the US hub of atomic research and testing since World War II. In each case, the government vehemently denied or disproved the incident to both the press and the public at large.

"It's as if these objects are trying to tell us to be careful, with this [nuclear] power," Hastings suggested. "It's the grand-scale equivalent of a mother slapping a child's hand away from a hot stove.

When Hastings asked members of the audience to raise a hand if they had heard of this correlation, virtually every hand remained down. Hastings nodded knowingly.

"It may seem like sci-fi, an elaborate delusion, or a practical joke, but I assure you it is not," he concluded confidently.

You, get out of here, Study Abroad!

by Kirsten Schmitt '06
FEATURES WRITER

By the time sophomore year roles around, students begin think about the possibility of studying abroad. Questions accumulate in their minds sort of like a college student's dirty laundry. Where should I go? When should I go? Do I need to be able to speak another language fluently? What are the benefits?

As an aid to students concerned with such questions, student group Foreign Exposure and the Dean of Student's Office sponsored a Study Abroad Fair in the last Tuesday night.

There were tables of returning students from England, France, Spain, Ireland, Greece, Austria, Wales, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, China, Thailand, India, Tibet, Japan, Ghana, Uganda and South Africa - quite a variety!

One hundred and sixty five students studied abroad last year, representing 37% of the junior class. In fact, Hamilton had a larger group of students studying abroad than Harvard, Yale, Clark, or Brandeis.

Returning students had nothing but good things to say about their experiences abroad. They were eager to show their photo albums and share stories of their time spent discovering the world outside of the shelter of Hamilton's campus.

"Every student should go abroad," urged Senior Christie Donchevich, who spent her time abroad in China, "because you get an outside view of how other countries think about the United States."

She added, "It changes your life. I came to Hamilton to major in chemistry, and then I started taking Chinese, and after going abroad to China, I am instead majoring in Chinese."

As students interested in venturing overseas munched on Café Opus homemade macaroons and brownies, returning students proudly talked about the time they spent overseas. They were more than happy to answer questions and seemed pleased to take on the ephemeral role of study abroad advisor for two hours.

Where should I go? Some returning students felt this decision should be focused on your major and career interests, while others promoted the idea of being a free spirit by studying in a place that you have always wanted to visit.

Australia seemed to be the preferred choice for many of the returning students. "Go to Australia!" urged Tara Butler,

"When else in your life will you be able to spend time in a place like Australia? It was so clean and the people were so friendly. Now I am looking for a way to go back!"

When should I go? Most students go abroad during their junior year. Some stay for one

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Fallcoming schedule

Friday, October 4

11:30 a.m.	Helen and Doane Comstock '27 Memorial Luncheon Annex A&B, Beinecke Student Activities Village
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference, Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Jazz Archive Open House Lower level, McEwen Hall
4:00 p.m.	Service in Memory of Milton F. Fillius, Jr. '44, H'96, life trustee, Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Annual Fund Awards Presentation Fireplace Room, Beinecke Student Activities Village
8:00 p.m.	World-Class Jazz Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Student Activities Village
8:00 p.m.	Campus Activities Board presents Comedian Daniel Tosh, Chapel
9:00 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Dance Performance by Vanessa Paige '88, List 104 (Theatre Studio)

Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference, Kirner-Johnson 109 (Red Pit)
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Panel 1 Educating for Social Change: In the Belly of the Beast, Kirner-Johnson 109 (Red Pit)
11:00 a.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Keynote Address "The Presumption of Innocence, Sharecropper Education and America's Ideals" Presented by Robert P. Moses '56, Chapel
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Fallcoming Cookout ($12 per person at door), Soper Hall of Commons and McEwen Dining Hall
12:00 p.m.	Men's Alumni Soccer Game, Mason Field
1:00 p.m.	Football vs. Trinity College, Steuben Field
1:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. William Smith Love Field
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Panel 2 Using the Law for Social Change: Making Rights Real Moderated by Drew Days '63, H'94, Alfred M. Rankin Professor of Law, Yale Universit, Kirner-Johnson 109 (Red Pit)
2:00 p.m.	Student Guided Tour of Campus Leave from the Anderson-Connell Alumni Center
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Panel 3 Writing for Social Change: From Proposals to Propaganda Moderated by Nancy Roob '87, Kirner-Johnson 109 (Red Pit)
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Jazz Archive Open House Lower Level, McEwen Hall
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Emerson Gallery Open House Emerson Gallery, Christian A. Johnson Hall
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Panel 4 Organizing for Social Change: Policymakers and Grass Roots Activists Moderated by Nathaniel Hurd '99, Kirner-Johnson 109 (Red Pit)
5:30 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Reception, Kirner-Johnson Lobby
6:15 p.m.	Making Change-Working for Social Justice Conference Dinner for Participants and Special Guests ($35 per person payable at door), Annex A, Beinecke Student Activities Village
8:00 p.m.	Hamilton's Doctors of Jazz in a Summit Reunion, Wellin Hall, Schambach Center

Sunday, October 6

11:00 a.m.	Protestant Worship Service (Bagels, coffee and juice available at 10:30 a.m.) Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Newman Catholic Mass Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Scranton Love Field

Food, friends, (football) cornerstones of Fallcoming

by Sharon Hakim '06
FEATURES WRITER

Homecoming is a long-honored tradition at college campuses across America. Alumni gather at their alma mater during this special weekend to once again partake in the festivities of college life. Traditional elements include food, friendship and of course, football. Unlike most colleges, Hamilton College does not have a Homecoming weekend, but rather a Fallcoming weekend. Although the ideas are basically the same, the title has very different connotations.

The consensus here at Hamilton from both staff members and students is that the distinction is made on the grounds of football. Whereas Homecoming may be centered on football, Fallcoming offers a more diverse mix of activities. This year the weekend promises such events as concerts, panels, athletic events and a chance for former and current members of the Hamilton community to share fellowship.

Many members of the campus, including teachers, lecturers, performers, alumni and students, have been working long hours to ensure the weekend's success. Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz, part of the Kirkland Project, which worked to arrange the social change conference, and Jon Hysell, the Director of Alumni Programs, are two of the coordinators.

The term Fallcoming was first used in the 1970s in an effort to incorporate class reunions, returning to the hill and interacting with the current college community into one event. It was called Fallcoming in order to differentiate it from Homecoming, which in Hamilton tradition had occurred in June, with a focus on specific reunions. Approximately three hundred alumni are currently registered for the weekend. It is hard, however, to gauge how many will be present this weekend, as many alumni return informally. The majority of alumni who return are currently involved in the Hamilton community, including both those on the Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees. The importance of this weekend lies in its focus on "building communities of Hamilton people," said Hysell.

Included in the Fallcoming program will be an academic discussion entitled, "Making a Difference, Working for Social Change." Saturday will be host to many panels on different aspects of social change. These panels will revolve around the keynote speaker, Robert Moses '56, civil rights activist and founder of the Algebra Project. The social change conference will also be sponsoring many musical events throughout the weekend, including a memorial World Class Jazz Concert in the Events Barn.

On a lighter note, plans for an all campus promise fun, conversation and good food. Hamilton also has its first home football game this weekend, against Trinity College at 1 pm Saturday. Other athletic events include men's and women's soccer games, as well as the annual Men's Alumni soccer game.

Save yourself, go abroad

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semester, while others opt to stay for an entire academic year. Coordinator of Study Abroad Programs Edith Toegel is hoping that the number of students deciding to spend the entire year abroad will increase in comings years, beginning with the Class of 2005, as they are the first class without distribution requirements.

"I am hoping that students will consider staying a full year now that they have more flexibility to include other ways of study." she said.

Do I need to be able to speak another language fluently? If you decide to study in a country whose language is one other than English, Hamilton requires that you pass a course in that language or otherwise demonstrate proficiency in the language of your chosen country.

But there are options as well for those who do not speak a second language. Favorites include England and Australia. "Australia is so awesome if you don't speak another language, and if that's an issue for you, then it's definitely a great place to go." said Eleni Caminis, a returning student from Arcadia and Melbourne.

As for the benefits - well, the benefits are unbounded. Students come home with more than just academic credits. Traveling through Europe, exploring wildlife, and learning more about a new culture are only a few of some the intangible souvenirs returning students brought home with them.

To sum it up: Study abroad fee: $900. Plane tickets to Paris: $1000. Sunsets atop Montmartre: Priceless.

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Summer science

Jen Jolivet '03 describes her summer lab experience

by Jen Jolivet '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This summer I had the opportunity to work in the Cytogenetics Lab at Baystate Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. As a clinical lab, they receive numerous specimens every day requiring chromosome analysis.

The technicians examine blood, bone marrow, and tissues from masses, amniotic fluid, and products of conception. For the blood, bone marrow, and tissue masses, a smear of the specimen would be taken and examined for white blood cells. The rest of the specimen would be mixed with different chemicals to fix the cells so their chromosomes would be elongated, "dropped" onto slides, and then examined.

With amnios, cells from the fluid would grow for a couple days in special media before being "dropped" on slides and analyzed. When analyzing the chromosomes, the techs look at twenty different cells. They count all the chromosomes to make sure that the twenty-three chromosomes have a matching pair. Then they line them up to create a kareotype.

Chromosomes have bands corresponding to different genes, and the techs were also responsible for analyzing the bands to see if any parts of the chromosomes were missing, broken off, or attached to another chromosome.

There was also a molecular section of the lab. They analyzed blood of HIV+ patients to see how much of the virus was in the patient's system. They also analyzed blood for fragile X syndrome and two genes, factor V and II.

In my job as a lab assistant, I had to do the jobs no one wanted, such as changing biohazard boxes, filling bottles, and cleaning, but I also got to see some incredible things.

I got to watch polymerase chain reactions done on blood samples. I also got to see DNA extraction, which was very cool because you have the DNA all mixed up, and when you add a certain chemical, you can see wispy fibers of the DNA start to appear right before you eyes.

I had the chance to see runs of Fragile X on a gel and see how they photograph it and analyze it for the fragile x mutation. Work was really interesting when a product of conception would come in. Usually the mother had lost the fetus so early in the pregnancy that the fetus was just a tiny little white sac that looked nothing like a baby.

One day, however, we got a fetus that was 20 weeks old. The fetus looked exactly like it would be if it had been born. It was really sad to see this little baby that didn't make it because there was a biological problem. I also got to have my chromosomes analyzed, and I fortunately have all 46 without anything missing!! One day I actually saw a cell that had 96 chromosomes. Overall, I had a great experience this summer.

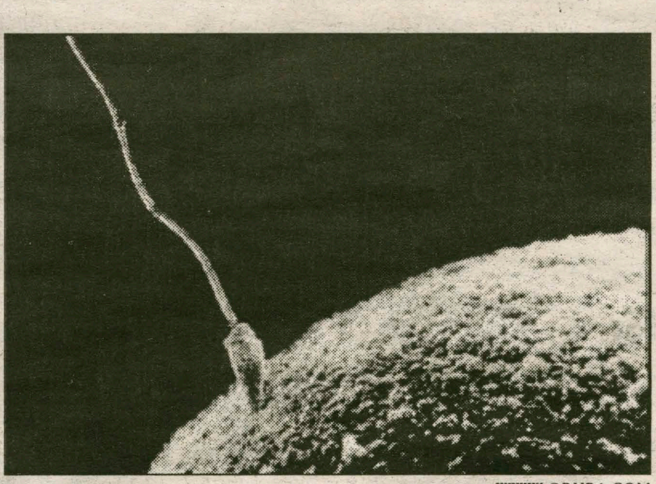
Will new male contraceptive replace "the pill?"

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Ladies, are you sick of bearing the burden of birth control?

If so, here's some good news. Last month, researchers revealed that new hormone therapies might one day serve as successful male contraceptives.

One study, led by Dr. Christina Wang of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California, tested whether certain hormones have sperm-suppressing capabilities.



Not ready for this to happen in a uterus near you? Scientists report that a new male contraceptive may be effective in preventing pregnancy.

Her team found that 93% of men who were given combinations of the hormones testosterone and levonorgestrel reached azoospermia–a complete lack of sperm in the semen.

However, it remains to be seen whether this drop in sperm counts will be successful in preventing pregnancy.

Testosterone, a hormone synthesized by the testes, stimulates the development and maintenance of the male reproductive system. While this compound is normally associated with inducing the development of male sex characteristics, treatment with certain levels of the hormone actually prevents sperm production.

Levonorgestrel is a synthetic form of the female hormone progesterone. It causes the mucus at the opening of the cervix to become thick and sticky and prevents sperm from entering the uterus, in addition to suppressing ovulation. Levonorgestrel is the active compound in the female contraceptive implant Norplant.

This female hormone is included in the hormone combination in order to mitigate some of the negative effects of raising testosterone levels, namely decreasing HDL ("good" cholesterol) levels.

Another group of researchers from the University of Edinburgh's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology showed that daily sperm production can be suppressed by a treatment including desogestrel, a synthetic hormone in the female birth control pill, and testosterone implants.

Additional studies are now being performed in order to discover the optimal dose and method of administration (pill or implant).

Researchers predict that a combination Levonorgestrel-testosterone implant would be most effective in stopping sperm production in men.

The treatment is said to have certain minor side effects such as mood swings, weight gain, and increased appetite–many of the same side effects suffered by women who take birth control pills.

Both groups' results were published in the August issue of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism and reported by CNN and Reuters Health.

Scientists get a "leg up" on natural regeneration

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Regeneration is a topic that has interested and plagued scientists for hundreds of years. Interest in the subject arose in the 1700s in France, when scientists first noticed that some crayfish had different sized legs.

Discovering that this was due to the crayfish's ability to regenerate legs, scientists began to experiment. "Almost everything that moved in Europe was amputated," says Dr. Alejandro Sanchez Alvarado of the University of Utah, and he is absolutely right.

Scientists began by chopping up animals such as hydra, planaria, and snails, and they soon found that in most cases, these simple animals could regenerate. In fact, planaria can regenerate themselves from pieces as tiny as 1/279 of the whole.

Findings such as this have fueled the study of regeneration over the years, however, little advancement in regards to regeneration in humans has been made until now.

Scientists who have spent the majority of their time focusing on regeneration through the use of stem cells are now beginning to look to animal regeneration for a clue.

Researchers at the "Leg Lab," a laboratory at the University of California at Irvine, are hoping that salamanders will give them a "leg" up on regeneration. Scientists have found that some species of salamanders have an incredible ability to regenerate limbs. They can grow back legs, tails, retinas, and even small portions of their hearts.

With this new data, Dr. David M. Gardiner, who runs the "Leg Lab," says, "I really do believe it's just a matter of time before you're going to regenerate an arm or at least a finger." This optimistic attitude toward natural regeneration is leading the way to new scientific understanding.

According to scientists, natural regeneration is a more plausible answer to regeneration than stem cell research because it can be done without transplantation, and there is no fear of rejection of the organ or tissue.

So all scientists have to do is find this gene for regeneration and turn it on. It sounds easy; however, Dr. Catherine Tsilfidis of the University of Ottawa Eye Institute says, "I'd like to say we've made tremendous progress, but that would be a lie."

Now you see it, now you don't...Now you see it again! This salamander has the incredible ability to regenerate entire limbs.

Despite the tedious and difficult path that is ahead of those researching natural regeneration, the incredible interest surrounding the subject has led to an increase in funding for research of this type, as well as the creation of a company, Hydra Biosciences, that will begin to research the applicability of regeneration in humans.

Hydra Biosciences is currently headed by Dr. Mark Keating of Harvard University, who has researched regeneration in zebrafish for much of his career.

While the prospects look good, it is not as easy to regenerate tissue in humans as it is in more simple organisms. While humans are able to regenerate portions of the liver, bones, and some muscles, the mechanism of action for humans to regenerate several and more complex types of tissue remains a mystery.

While the natural regeneration of human body parts may be far in the future, a few studies with mammals seem promising.

Dr. Ellen Hever-Katz of the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia found that some of her lab mice were naturally regenerating portions of their tails, ears, hearts, and even spinal cords.

While these mice were genetically modified for a previous experiment, the experiment sheds some light on the hypothesis that a specific gene controls the body's ability to naturally regenerate.

Hopefully, in the future the incredible regenerative ability of the planarian and the salamander will lead to advances in the natural regeneration of human tissue; until then, however, scientists all over the world will just keep chopping.

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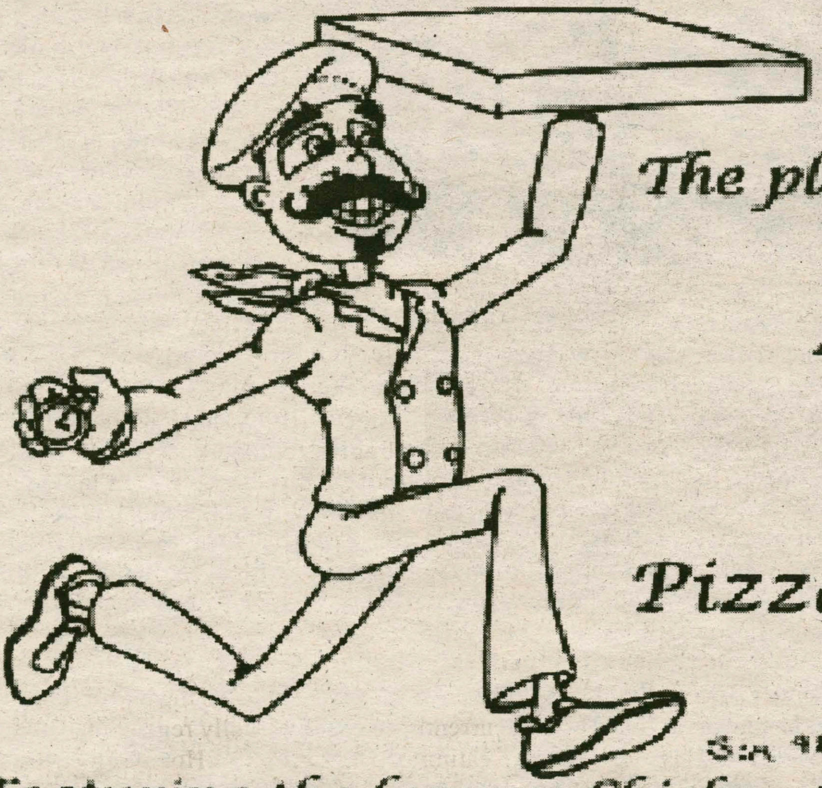

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Words and Music:

Kat McGrory '05 cracks the surface of Doc Woods's passion for music

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The "Doctuh" Mike Woods himself

"Music is not ink, it's sound." He tells me this very clearly at our first meeting, and judging by the fact that I'm holding a pen in my hand, I'm stuck wondering how I'm ever going to write an article about him and his band.

I'm sitting on an amp in Doc Woods's office. It's early in the morning, and I know at once that although I've come to interview him about his band *Zoe*, this morning will be full of surprises.

Doc pulls a $1 bill from his pocket.

"See this?" he askes me. "What does this represent?"

I am quiet, so he answers for me.

"It represents gold stored someplace, probably Fort Knox. It's currency."

He pauses. "Music. Music is my currency."

With that, Doc Woods pulls out a shiny, blue bass guitar. "I'm gonna let my brain leak, ok?" he asks.

I nod, and he begins to play a be-bopped version of Gershwin's *Summertime*. His version of the well-known lullaby is soulful, passionate. With that, I know why Doc Woods, a professional jazz musician since age eleven, is Hamilton's own Doctuh of Jazz.

When he has finished his song, he returns his gaze to me and tells me that by filling the room with music, he has "leveled the playing field."

"Music is really the only thing that levels the playing field," he says. "Music comes through the spirit. It may be channeled through my intellect, yes, but it comes first and foremost through my spirit. And music, music is part of my religion."

Doc Woods tells me how music is important to him as an African-American. He describes how it is inherent in the history of his peoples: when the Africans were enslaved first by their own peoples, and later by the Europeans, they used music to communicate.

"You see, music is the one thing that can't be taken from you. You can't legislate sounds. You can make me work in the fields until I'm blue in the face, but you can't stop me from singing my little song."

Doc then relates music to his own personal experiences.

"Music has literally saved my life. If I can't find anything in life that has fairness in it, then I can't live my life. And music is fair." For one reason music is fair, he tells me: it makes everyone happy.

"I love stuff that is goofy. I love to laugh," he continues. "I really think that life doesn't have enough laughter. When someone laughs, it releases so many endorphins into the system! Did you know that laughing extends the human life by four minutes?"

I had no idea.

He continues, "You even release teeny-tiny microscopic amounts of those same endorphins into the system just by smiling. Just by smiling! I love to make people smile with a combination of intellect and, of course, goofiness."

He pauses. "What do you call a

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Sedaris at Kodak Theater

Taylor Fleming-Henning '04 "talks pretty" about lisps, performance art, and David Sedaris.

Some ten miles past the Indiana border, in the midst of mid-America's corn wasteland, my little black Acura screeeeeeches to a halt on the shoulder of Interstate 70. Pepsi Blue leaks from my brother's nose as his body heaves with laughter. I don't even pause as my body jerks forward against the seat belt. "Next I'll rip apart these sock monkeys and pour the stuffing into this tall rubber boot. Good, that's good. Nobody pours stuffing like you do, my friend"(Sedaris, 53), I read aloud between snorts, and my brother, almost composed, wipes the soda from his chin and the tears from his eyes and takes a deep breath. Attempting to ignore me, he pulls back into traffic. Two seconds later, were back on the side of the road snorting like pigs on Pa's Pigtastic Hog Farm and Amusement Park (exit 92).

To pass the many hours between Durango, Colorado, and Clinton, New York, I brought a book to read; author David Sedaris's latest concoction entitled, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*. Besides being gut-bustingly hilarious, Sedaris's zany anecdotes have universal appeal. For example, did you spend last year in Paris with the Hamilton Academic Year in France program? Turn to page 170 and reminisce about the confusing concept of noun gender by asking yourself again: "Why refer to Lady Crack Pipe or Good Sir Dishrag when these things could never live up to all their sex implied?" Or, maybe you had a speech impediment as a kid? Look at the first chapter, "Go Carolina," page 3, and learn why Sedaris might agree with you that Utica is better than Sthyracuthe. How about that time you filled up vegetable crates with bloody Kleenex, dead bugs, and other discarded treasures and entered them as an "alternative art" piece at the Emerson gallery. Well, okay, maybe not. Even if your life has been a little bit more, uh, normal, you'll still laugh till you snort audibly in the middle of Commons at during the 12:15 lunch rush.

Intrigued? If not, well...maybe you need to expand your idea of funny from the genre of knock-knock jokes. It may be said, Sedaris's humor is not for everyone. If you have moral objections to sex, drugs, and uh, euthanasia, you may want to skip this one and opt for something more wholesome like *Chicken Soup for the Boring Soul*. However, if you've ever considered your sense of humor to be "morally-impaired," then go to the Amazon.com and order this NOW.

Okay, so you have sworn off all reading that isn't required because you're losing your vision from too many late nights peering at tiny type illuminated dimly by the 40 watt in your clip-on lamp. Don't stress (about this, anyway), 'cause you're in luck! David Sedaris is going to be "talking pretty" at the Kodak Theater on the Ridge in Rochester, NY, on Wednesday, October 9th at 8 p.m. (See ticketmaster.com/artist/806078 for more dates, ticket prices, etc.) See you there. Oh, and no drinks in the auditorium, or else you might end up exhaling your Mountain Dew Code Red.

*The ever-popular and scandal-provoking citation note: All quoted texts and references are from *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris, Bay Back paperback edition, June 2001.

Hamilton Doctor of Jazz Bob Wilbur to perform this weekend

Alexandra Sear '05 talks with a Grammy-winning artist

Fall Coming weekend is fast approaching, and with it the requisite alumni visits, football games, and the highly anticipated Doctors of Jazz Summit Reunion Concert in Wellin on Saturday. I previewed the concert in last week's *Spec*, and this week I got the chance to talk to one of the key participants in the concert, clarinetist and *Soprano Summit* co-founder Bob Wilber. Mr. Wilber has been on campus since Monday and is spending the week in residency at Hamilton before joining his fellow musicians Kenny Davern, Dick Hyman, Bob Rosengarden, Keter Betts, and Bucky Pizzarelli on Friday for the first of two concerts on the Hill.

This is the second time Mr. Wilber has visited Hamilton. He came for the first time to receive his honorary doctorate at the 1998 commencement, a tradition started by the late Milton Fillius, whose love of jazz and support of musicians has brought many such artists to Hamilton. Mr. Wilber "very much admired" Mr. Fillius, whom he said he "always saw when (he) was playing in San Fransisco." He met Mr. Fillius at one of the legendary jazz parties given by Dick Gibson in Denver ten years ago where fans and musicians could get together for some great music. It was at one of these parties in Aspen 35 years ago that Bob Wilber and Kenny Davern began the *Soprano Summit*, which will be reunited in Wellin on Saturday. Mr. Wilber remembers, "Dick Gibson said to me and Kenny, 'Get up there with two soprano saxes and do something.' And we did."

We had a very enjoyable and entertaining interview on Tuesday, and I wish I could transcribe it word for word here. Mr. Wilber is one of the foremost jazz musicians alive today and has a wealth of stories and anecdotes to share. He said, "I started playing the clarinet at age 13, and I'm 74 now, so you can do the math." He later took up the tenor sax after being "inspired by hearing Sidney Bechet." This led to playing the alto and baritone sax, though he admits he "hated the bass." In his current recordings and concerts, he plays mostly the clarinet because, as he admitted, "It's still a challenge. I still feel like I need to practice every day."

I consider myself to be a jazz novice, but I was still rather in awe hearing about Mr. Wilber's long career, and I was impressed Hamilton can have such a resource on campus for the week. In addition to performing with Kenny Davern and *Soprano Summit* throughout the 1970s, Mr.

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Jazz Great Bob Wilbur to appear on campus

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Wilber has recorded literally hundreds of albums under many labels since 1947. He currently is recording under the Jazzology label. Mr. Wilber writes his own music and also arranges pieces for other musicians. He won a Grammy award for his arrangements of Duke Ellington for Francis Ford Coppola's 1984 film *The Cotton Club*. He considers arranging the music for the film one of his "favorite challenges." We chatted about his experiences doing the film. " The film was shot in Astoria, Long Island, where movies were made before Hollywood. Between the music and everyone walking around in 1920s clothes, it felt like you were back in the 20s, really in the era. The stars were still on the dressing room doors from the actors who used to film there, like Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford," he said. He also did the music for *My One and Only*, a Broadway show starring Tommy Tune and Twiggy, and was nominated for another Grammy for *The Music of Hoagie Carmichael* in 1969.

These days, Mr. Wilber is technically retired, though he admits that his friends say, " 'Bob, you're not retired.' I am, it's just selective retirement." He divides his time between Chipping Campden, a small village in England about two hours from London, and Scarsdale, Arizona. He and his wife Joanne have been married for 25 years. She is a singer who performs under the name Pug Horton. Mr. Wilber says, "We've worked together on quite a few of my albums... she wrote the lyrics and sings them. She has a wonderful voice." After his week at Hamilton, Mr. Wilber will travel to Toulouse, France, to record his second album with *The Tuxedo Band*, a group of all-French musicians. "We're going to re-create the big band sound of the 30s. Our first album was of some of 300 never-recorded arrangements of Benny Goodman found in the Yale archives," he said. Mr. Wilber is also making his third appearance at Lincoln Center with trumpeter Wynton Marsalis this December 12-14 in a tribute to Benny Goodman.

Mr. Wilber is looking forward to this weekend's concerts. He went to the History of Jazz on Tuesday and visited the Hamilton College Jazz Combo, and he will be talking to students. Mr. Wilber says he is "pleased and honored" to be at Hamilton for this week, and "the campus is so beautiful." The Doctors of Jazz Summit Reunion can be seen this Friday in the Barn and in their main concert on Saturday in Wellin Hall, where tickets are $5 for the Hamilton Community.

Movie News:

Red Dragon

by **Brian Sweeney '06**
A&E WRITER

Finally, there is a film being released in theaters across the country that is worthy of attention. Today opens the film *Red Dragon*, a prequel to *The Silence of the Lambs* and last year's *Hannibal*. So if you liked either of those two films, then read on, and then head out to Sangertown as soon as you can.

This film was directed by Brett Ratner, who gained fame for directing the first two *Rush Hour* films. Here he moves into a different genre and may just prove himself capable of handling more dark and suspenseful material. Originally, the story of *Red Dragon*, based on a novel of the same name by Thomas Harris, was filmed and released as a movie entitled *Manhunter*. That movie was directed by Michael Mann and featured Brian Cox as Hannibal Lecter. It was originally going to feature the same name as the Harris novel, but when another film with the word dragon was released in the same year, the studio ordered the film's title to be changed in order to avoid confusion.

After *Hannibal* proved that there was a very large audience for the Lecter movies, the studio decided to remake *Manhunter* so that Anthony Hopkins could be seen as Lecter in each of the novels turned to films of Harris's stories. The first obstacle that needed to be overcome was the fact that Lecter as supposed to be significantly younger than Hopkins now is. He played Lecter eleven years ago in *Lambs*, and this film takes place years prior to that. Looking at the trailers and promotional materials, it seems that the makeup department did a wonderful job. Also in the cast of the film are Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes, Emily Watson, Harvey Keitel, Phillip Seymour-Hoffman, and Anthony Heald. Norton plays an FBI agent named Will Graham who is drawn out of early retirement to catch a serial-killer known as "The Tooth Fairy." Graham seeks aide from Hannibal Lecter, whom he had caught and saw behind bars (or glass). What Graham doesn't know is that Lecter is already giving aide to the murderer.

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After three movies as Hannibal Lecter, Anthony Hopkins must be getting tired of being carted around. Check out *Red Dragon* at Sangertown.

If you don't feel like going to the theater, well, you can take heart. The Rock's latest starring vehicle, *The Scorpion King*, has just arrived on video! That's right! You can now own what is surely going to be an enduring classic for years to come. Or since you are either working at or are enrolled in an institution of higher learning you could rent or buy something better. If you are a Disney fan, you should know that on Tuesday *Beauty and the Beast*, the only animated film to be nominated for Best Picture, is being released on DVD for the first time. Other than that, there is not much else new that is coming to your home or to theaters, so here are the box office results for last weekend (9/27 - 9/29):

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Last Weekend at the Movies

Weekend Gross
Total Gross

1. *Sweet Home Alabama*
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2. *The Tuxedo*
   $15,051,028
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3. *Barbershop*
   $10,007,996
   $51,312,650
4. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
   $9,434,602
   $136,628,662
5. *The Banger Sisters*
   $5,426,857
   $18,821,609
6. *The Four Feathers*
   $3,556,687
   $12,377,402
7. *One Hour Photo*
   $3,021,854
   $26,107,155
8. *Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever*
   $2,738,311
   $11,589,220
9. *Signs*
   $2,363,791
   $221,155,028
10. *Swimf@n*
    $1,554,112
    $26,676,405

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3pm							Now What? Engel/Kroleski	3pm
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7pm	From The Press Box Preston/Zalaski		The Nebulous Show Bellona	Ravinspace James	Underground Soundz Colon/Pettigrew		Jazz Moments Balkan	7pm
8pm	Anywhere But Here Mead	Justinio on the Radio Ginsberg				The Reunion Tour Klag		8pm
9pm		WHCL Count Down Causin	Anyone Can Play Guitar Speer	Rhythm, Hip-Hop & Blues Bentsi-Enchill/Rios	Our Spot Jochim/Wright		the best show on whcl Odland/Thorne	9pm
10pm	Hard and the Heavy Wehberg/Marks					Eine Kleine Nacht Hip-Hop Bartholomaus		10pm
11pm		Tuesday Night Beatdown Gordon	Gus and Ted Show Erb/Turner	Overtaken by Tony Danza Fazio	Rock at Bedtime Murray		Metallica and Sebastian Allen/Mulcahy	11pm

Doc Woods opens up about music and *Zoe*

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harp?" he asks me. "A nude piano."

I laugh.

"That's four minutes," he points out, and he laughs himself.

Doc Woods then turns the conversation to me. "Now you burn my ear. What questions do you have about my band?"

I start by asking him from where the name "Zoe" originates. "In the New Testament," he explains, "the enemy of Jesus Chris was the evil one. The evil one comes only to kill, to destroy. Now also in that New Testament, Jesus makes it very clear that he himself has come so that the people may have zoe, so that they can have life!"

Doc Woods continues, "It's kind of like judging a book by its cover, except in some cases it really works. If you pick up an album that says *Anthrax* or *Kiss* you know what you're gonna get from that album. When I perform, I have all of my c'othes on. I don't have half-naked supermodels, and I perform with a group that is called 'life.'"

I proceed to ask him about the members of his band.

"Oh, you mean my cats? We are three horns and four rhythm," he says.

To Doc Woods, there is something special about performing live jazz in front of an audience. "What I love about a band is that the musicians themselves make the music live in front of an audience. We've got J.Lo and Britney Spears dancing around, lip-syncing; there are no live vocals. There is no live music. If a machine is making the music, then there is no live breath giving vitality, truth, honesty to that sound," he says.

"And trust me, if seven guys didn't believe in that sound, you wouldn't be hearing it," he adds. Doc then informs me that the band usually plays on the Hill once or twice a year. "Every chance I've got to get the band out, I will do so. I just usually need the money first," he chuckles.

This semester, they played "brand-new music" at the kick-off concert on September 17th. The concert, which took place in the Barn, was called "In with the New," a concert to celebrate everything post-September 11th. The band opened the set with a be-bopped version of "America." "Look, we all know that September the 11th happened," he describes. "Yes, it was the first time we had been attacked on our own continental soil, but we can't dwell on that! The measure of a great fighter is that you get up every time you get knocked down."

He continues to talk about his goals as a musician.

"Through this music, I'm just trying to see what life itself sounds like, in all its majesty, all its sorrow," he says.

"I try to be a sonic priest. I haul down the vertical sounds that I believe are so poignant; they are gonna uplift the human spirit. I try to bring the vertical down to the horizontal.

"You see," Doc continues, "what I try to do is take my projects to the next level. My work points to the future. It's not retro; that's already been done! I understand tradition very well. I know my own history! But rather than repeat my history, I try to write my future. And my future is fun, and borderline goofy. That's what I'm projecting, at least."

He laughs.

"Here! Listen to this!" he exclaims, seemingly out of nowhere, as he tosses a CD into a stereo. Before hitting play, Doc Woods prefaces the piece by saying that as a kid, he was a big "Star Trek" fan. The piece he is about to play is titled "Lunar Landing," his musical adaptation of an episode in which Captain Kirk and Doctor Spock "land on a moon where there is no visible life, but the protons and neutrons are partying their brains out."

I chuckle when I hear the complex melodies and untraditional harmonies that mark the full band piece. It is hardly what I had expected.

"Another four minutes!" he laughs.

"See!" he says. "I give you life, I give you zoe."

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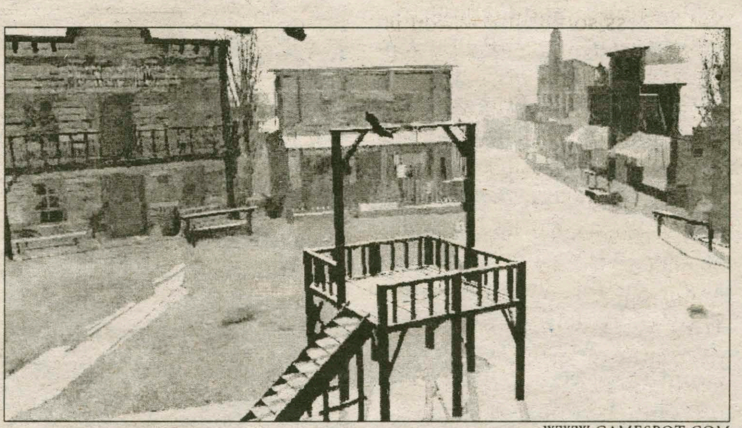
Gaming Corner: by Mithat Yaltir

Desperados: Wanted Dead or Alive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Have you ever played *Commandos: Behind Enemy Lines* or *Beyond the Call of Duty*? You liked it and said, it would be awesome if I could get the same game play in another environment. Now you can. *Desperados: Wanted Dead or Alive* is a real-time strategy/action game developed by Spellbound and published by Infogrames in 2001. Gamers assume the role of John Cooper, a cowboy in the Wild West. The opening movie shows the tragic death of John's best friends in a train robbery, after which John vows to hunt down the killer of his friends. Good plot already, don't you think?

The setup of the game is decent because it is like watching a movie. The first level is a tutorial that teaches the gamers how to move Cooper around, how to use a pistol, run, sneak, etc. In the second level Cooper goes to recruit an old friend who happens to be in trouble, and he needs to give a hand. After rescuing the friend s/he joins Cooper in the quest to hunt down train robbers.

Fans of *Commandos* will immediately recognize the heads up display and general game play. It seems like the developers registered the *Commandos* engine and added some enhancements. Night missions make *Desperados* more interesting. The enemy sight is significantly shortened at night, but they are more alert to sound. Furthermore, there is a time lag between the enemy seeing one of your characters and recognizing the character. In other words, unlike commandos, it takes the enemy some time to figure out what they are looking at. One really cool addition in Desperados is the "relationship" between enemies. For example, even if you manage to silently kill an enemy, if he has a buddy, then this buddy alerts the rest of the enemies, and they start searching for the dead guy then you are in trouble.

Like other squad-based tactical games, *Desperados* has characters with specialized skills, and success depends on choosing the right character for the right job. For example, John Cooper is the best sharp shooter. He can use his pistol with lightning speed and deadly accuracy. He can also climb rocks and carry dead bodies. He also has a very strong right hand, and can knock people out cold. Samuel, one of his friends, can handle dynamite and other types of explosives. His rifle has a longer range compared to Cooper's pistol, but less accurately. Kate is a specialist in disguise and uses her charm to lure the enemy into deadly traps. So, don't get Kate stuck in the middle of a firefight all by herself. Chances are she will get killed, and you will have to start the level from the beginning.

All in all, fans of *Commandos* will enjoy *Desperados*. The difficulty level, compared to *Commandos,* is extremely easy. It took me two and a half weeks to complete all of the levels without cheat codes, whereas *Commandos* required over three months. Anyway, this game can serve as a tool to test if you are moderately patient or not.

Graphics: 80%
Music & Sound Effects: 85%
Originality: 75%
Creativity: 90%
Reviewers Tilt: 85%
Overall Game Rating: 82%

Hamilton Performing Arts to Present Early Music Group *Hesperus*

Clinton, N.Y. - The Hamilton College Performing Arts continues its Classical Connections Series with the period instrument group *Hesperus* in a program titled "American Roots: Popular Music from 18th-Century America" on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall on the Hamilton College campus.

The Hamilton College program is designed to give a cross-section of the music heard in North America from the arrival of the Pilgrims in the early part of the 17th century through the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The political journey from colonialism to independence was mirrored by an artistic journey that ranged from dependence upon European models such as the division on a ground, country dance, and part-song, to the development of new American models such as the cotillion and shape note hymn.

Hesperus has performed throughout the United States, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Europe. The ensemble's awards include the Elizabeth Campbell Award from the Arlington Chapter of the American Association of University Women, the Music and Humanity Award from Music at Gretna, four Wammies, and the Baltimore Chamber Music Award.

The members of *Hesperus* are Rosa Lamoreaux, Tina Chancey, Grant Herreid, and Scott Reiss. Rosa Lamoreaux, lyric soprano, has been hailed for her versatile musicianship and her radiant, engaging, and effortless singing. *The Washington Post* has described her singing as "one of Washington's greatest natural resources."

Tina Chancey, a founding member and co-director of *Hesperus*, is also a former member of the *Folger Consort*, the *Ensemble for Early Music*, and the *New York Renaissance Band*. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to support solo performances on the pardessus de viole at the Kennedy Center and Weil Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

Grant Herreid is a versatile musician/director. As a multi-instrumentalist and singe,r he performs frequently on winds, strings, and voice with *Hesperus* and *Piffaro: The Renaissance Band*, and he plays the orbo and lute with the baroque ensemble *ARTEK* and New York's *City Opera*.

Scott Reiss, founder and artistic director of *Hesperus*, is recognized as one of the world's leading recorder players in medieval, Renaissance, and baroque styles. In addition, he has the distinction of possessing a command of Irish and Appalachian music and the blues, and he has developed techniques for playing the recorder in those styles.

Tickets for this concert are $15 adult, $10 seniors, and $5 students. All seats are general admission. There will also be a free lecture about early music with members of *Hesperus* on Friday, October 11, at 12 p.m. in Schambach 201. For more information, please contact the box office at 859-4331. Box office hours are weekdays, 1-4 p.m.

This week's Athlete of the Week: Lindsey Schantz

by Paul P. Jones '03
Sports Writer

This week's Spectator Athlete of the Week is tennis super star Lindsey Schantz '03. Not only has Schantz gone undefeated through 12 single matches this season, she has also lead her team to a 6-0 record.

The Basics...
Name: Lindsey Heather Schantz
Nicknames: Schantzy, Shanksie
Hometown/High School: Sharon, Massachusetts/Sharon High School
Position: #1 singles, #1 doubles
Individual Record: 12- 0 in singles; 7-2 in doubles
Team record: 6-0
Goals, team and individually for the season: We have gotten off to a great start, so right now our team goals are just to continue working hard and improving. I think that we are in a great position to do well at UCAA's and at States. And, obviously with only two dual matches remaining, we would definitely like to finish the season undefeated. Individually, I just want to go out, compete hard, and play well everyday.
How has your team moved from a good team to a great team in the last year: I think our success so far this season is mostly due to our hard work and the fact that we have been able to gel together really well as a team. We have had a couple of tight matches, but we have shown a lot of heart and really have supported each other and that has enabled us to remain undefeated to this point.
Athletic Accolades/Accomplishments: 1999 - UCAA Rookie of the Year. 2000 - 2nd team All-NY State- singles, UCAA All-Conference Doubles. 2001 - UCAA All-Conference Singles, 1st team All- NY State - singles, 2nd team All-NY State-doubles, All-time Hamilton leader in singles winning percentage and overall winning percentage, finished year ranked 15th in the East. 2002 - ITA Northeast Region Women's Singles Champion.
Can you tell me about your successes at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Championships and what this means: Every team in our region sends their top four players to the ITA championships and all of the players get placed into one big draw of 64 players. I was fortunate to win all six of my matches this weekend, and because I was named the Northeast Region Singles Champion, I received an automatic bid to Nationals which will be held in Texas in a couple of weeks.

PHOTO BY ANNATASHA GRITTEN '03
Obviously, she's more than just a killer serve, folks.

Biggest rival: I always get up for my matches against Greg Ghiozzi. It annoys the hell out of me that he looks better than me in a skirt.
Game rituals or superstitions: I have a ton of game rituals. Here are just a couple: I wear the same pair of socks during every match. I generally have a pre-game meal of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, especially when we are on the road. My warm up routine is basically always the same. And, most importantly, I always get a pre-game good-luck handshake from Mr. Murphy (D-Murph).

Lindsey the scholar..
Major: Psychology
Research interests, summer research, academic etc: This summer I stayed at Hamilton in order to complete some psychology research with my advisors that studied the ways in which college athletes cope with both academic and athletic stressors.
Senior thesis: My senior thesis topic is not completely finalized yet, but I am planning on studying how the types of thoughts that tennis players have during a match affect their performance.
Favorite Prof and why: Professor Yee and Professor Pierce. They were nice enough to put up with me for an entire summer while I helped them complete some of the psychology research that they have been working on. They both have also been incredibly supportive of me both academically and athletically.

Now lets really get to know Ms. Schantz..
Favorite cheesy 80s movie: Dirty Dancing. Patrick Swayze at his best. Top Gun and Cocktail aren't far behind though.
Tray or no tray and why: No Tray. Honestly, it is more of a balancing issue than anything else for me.
Who do you like in this year's MLB playoffs: I don't really care all that much. I would just like the Red Sox to not suck it up for one year.
If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be: A maple tree. I love it when the leaves change color in the fall.
If you had to pick one person to live with on an island who would it be: Patrick Rafter. He's hot and he plays tennis. You can't really beat that.
Favorite 90210 character: My favorite's definitely the early episodes when Brenda and Dylan were together.
Of all the women's sports that require athletes to wear skirts, which team does it the best: Of course the tennis team does. Our skirts are short and fitted. Not to mention the fact that it is basically a requirement of the game of tennis that you pick your skirt up approximately every 30 seconds.

Men's rugby looks for first win

by Kristy Hague '05
Sports Writer

Rugby, a gentleman's game played by barbarians, maintains its strong roots at Hamilton through the team's commitment to the sport. Despite a disappointing 0-3 beginning to the season, the men's team looks forward to this weekend's game with Clarkson as a turning point in the season.

Although the team lost a significant amount of talent in last year's graduating class, captains Dan Egan '03 and Rob Parker '04 continue to groom the young and inexperienced squad into a team to be feared by their competition.

The rugby team has no coach or assistant staff; therefore, all the on-field coaching is done by Egan and Parker, while president Richard Waite '03 ensures that all the off field matters, such as field reservation and socials, are taken care of.

Founded in 1978, the men's rugby team has endured many on field and off field challenges. Highlights include a state championship in 1997 and the storied state championship victory that led to a run into the finals of the northeastern regional tournament in 1998. All these triumphs occurred while the team felt ostracized and ignored by the Hamilton athletic administration and student body. The team felt so overlooked by Hamilton that they changed their name to "The Exiles" and still play under the title today.

In the face of student and administrative apathy, the men's rugby team continues to gain a large and devoted group of players.

"I play rugby because it is the greatest sport invented," explains senior and four-year rugby player Nick Roberge, "it's football without the rules and soccer where you can hit your opponent and you don't have to buy all the equipment." This pride and devotion to rugby is consistent among most of the team as most of the squad plays all four years at Hamilton and continues to participate in the sport as alumni.

Although rebuilding due to the loss of talented alumni, the men's team continues its growth in rugby skill. With each game, this green team gains important playing experience, creating a competitive match this Saturday with Clarkson.

Women's soccer ties Hartwick

by Josh Sargen '05
Sports Writer

Inconsistency in sports can be frustrating. One game you are mediocre. The next you are phenomenal. Then you follow up a brilliant performance with an atrocious outing. The Continentals have certainly personified inconsistency throughout their last three games.

Hamilton entered its September 24th contest against Hartwick with a 1-1 record and an opportunity to create significant momentum moving into their conference opener against Clarkson. The Continentals dominated Hartwick in the first half, out-shooting the Hawks 12-3. Co-captain Elizabeth Hill '03 put Hamilton ahead approximately forty minutes into the game by chipping a ball that had come out of the eighteen-yard box over the goalie's head.

Throughout the second half, Hamilton appeared well on their way to a dominating victory. But that quickly changed in the last five minutes of the game, when Hartwick striker Sheri Kelleher put a well-placed shot passed goalie Jen Munoz '04. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, and Hamilton left Love Field disappointed with the game's final score. Hill placed the tie in perspective by saying, "We had a good game. The level of intensity was high but we had trouble finishing and it was disappointing not to win that game."

When Hamilton traveled to Clarkson three days later, finishing balls was definitely not an issue. The Continentals controlled the pace of play in the first half and led 1-0 at halftime. Hamilton then came out firing in the second half and plastered fifteen shots upon the Knights keeper. Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 started the barrage of scoring in the second half by tallying her second goal of the game just nine minutes into play. Paula Dady '03 padded Hamilton's lead with two consecutive goals, and Jessica Beeson '03 completed the impressive offensive performance with a goal in the eighty-ninth minute. Hill summed up the dominating day, "It felt good to walk off the field after winning like that."

The Continentals victory over Clarkson was exciting, particularly because of the offensive output, however, Hamilton's next game a day later against perennial power St. Lawrence illustrated the frustrating inconsistency the team has played with this season. Hamilton tallied the first score of the game, but St. Lawrence went on to dominate the remainder of play and cruised to a 4-1 victory. One frustrating observation arises from all three games: The Continentals can be so dominating in one outing and yet get so dominated in the next. The primary culprit causing this unpredictable play is an inconsistency in finishing scoring opportunities. Hamilton has been able to fire off more shots than their opponent in almost every game this year; however, the Continentals are sitting at .500.

Dropkin-Frank emphasized, "We are really working hard on our finishing in practice. We are working on the mentality of shooting. After all, you can't win without scoring."

Nevertheless, the fact that the Continentals have been able to create as many scoring opportunities as they have bodes well for the season ahead. Hamilton will get a great opportunity to see where they are offensively and how far they have progressed in this upcoming weekend's home game against a very strong William Smith team. Hill believes the team is excited for Saturday's game and stressed, "We have worked really hard in practice this week and everybody is really geared up for William Smith." Based on Hamilton's hard work, the inconsistency that has characterized the short season so far should come to an end.

Turnovers plague Continentals

by Brett Zalaski '03
Sports Writer

The Continental football team (0-2, 0-2 in NESCAC play) took two steps forward and one step back this past weekend in their 37-10 loss to Wesleyan University (2-0, 2-0 in NESCAC) in Middletown, CT. Behind excellent play from their offensive line, Hamilton amassed 307 total yards, but five turnovers and defensive mistakes ultimately led to their demise.

Explosive Wesleyan receiver Pat Moffett, an all-American sprinter in the spring and current D-3 leader in total offense, caught six passes from Brennan Carney for a total of 167 yards and two touchdowns. On the season Moffett has caught 12 passes for an eye-popping 361 yards.

"He's a good receiver who made every play when we made a coverage mistake," explained defensive coordinator John Keady. "We didn't squeeze him to the sidelines on the deep fade he caught, and we made an aggressive mistake on a pump-fake and got burned deep. Moffett is very good."

The loss should not overshadow the many positives that came from the contest against a very good and much larger Wesleyan squad. The performances of the offensive line and the freshmen were significantly better than they had been in the previous two weeks against Tufts and Amherst.

After amassing only nine total rushing yards against Tufts, the Continentals gained 130 yards on the ground against Wesleyan, led by the rushing of tailback Elijah Huling '04 (19 carries, 71 yards), and James Trummer '06 (10 carries, 47 yards).

Huling left the game early in the second half due to a injured neck after a gruesome facemask penalty by Wesleyan. Trummer came in and picked up right where Huling left off, running strong for an average of almost five yards a carry.

The play of both backs has put head coach Peter Alvanos in a tough, but exciting, position regarding playing time. "We are going to play both this week in the game against Trinity," Alvanos said. "They ran in practice this week as hard as they had during the game last Saturday. It was a breath of fresh air to see this healthy competition."

Trummer also broke the Continental touchdown drought when he sliced his way into the end zone from two-yards out. "The touchdown felt great as a team," Trummer said. "We have come close on a lot of occasions. It was a great feeling to cross the line and get into the end zone."

The offensive line played a tremendous part in the improved rushing attack. "They were firing off the ball better and have become more comfortable with our schemes," offensive coordinator Chad Martinovich said. "There is a lot of inexperience on the line, but they are getting better every week."

Center Andy Basco '03 agreed with those statements. "We played well as a line and not just individually on individual plays. The young guys are learning the offense quickly and we are definitely starting to gel as a unit."

Trummer was not the only freshmen who stood out in the loss. Quarterback Brandon Holtslag '06, receiver William Carey '06, stong safety Stephen Finazzo '06, and linebackers Jeremy Kozak '06 and Jay Rishel '06 all put in solid performances for the Continentals in only their second game in the Buff and Blue.

"The freshmen are gamers," Alvanos said. "They will make mistakes in practice, but come game time they step up, and step up big. Come Saturday they take their game to the next level."

The stand out play of Holtslag (12-25 for 121 yards, and 8 carries for 11 yards) has earned him the start in the game this coming weekend against Trinity, the Continentals first home contest of the year. This comes as somewhat of a surprise as it unseats Greg LiVigne '05 (6-9 for 56 yards) from the starting position he has held the first two games of the season.

"Both of the quarterbacks will play and we will go with the hot hand," Alvanos said, "but we like the versatility Brandon gives us on offense."

Coach Martinovich agreed with that assesment. "Both have led us down the field, both have different plusses in our offense, and both will be in the mix to find a way into the end zone."

With the problem of ball movement seemingly solved, the Continentals must now look to improve consistency, and to cut down on penalties and turnovers.

"Turnovers and penalties are killing us," Alvanos said. "We have 11-12 turnovers and 13-14 penalties. We make a great play and there is a holding penalty. We have a great run on first down to give us second-and-three and then two offsides push us back to second-and-15. We have a great drive and we fumble at the 20. We have to work on eliminating these things."

The defense entered the game without the services of middle linebacker and leading tackler Mike Murphy '05. Despite early troubles on defense and the match-up problem of having to guard Moffett, the unit settled down and played strongly from the middle of the game on.

Coach Keady spotlighted the improved play of Rishel and Kozak as a main reason the defense strengthened throughout the game. "Once they got into the flow and tempo of the game they played well, as freshmen they have been put on the spot from the beginning and are coming around."

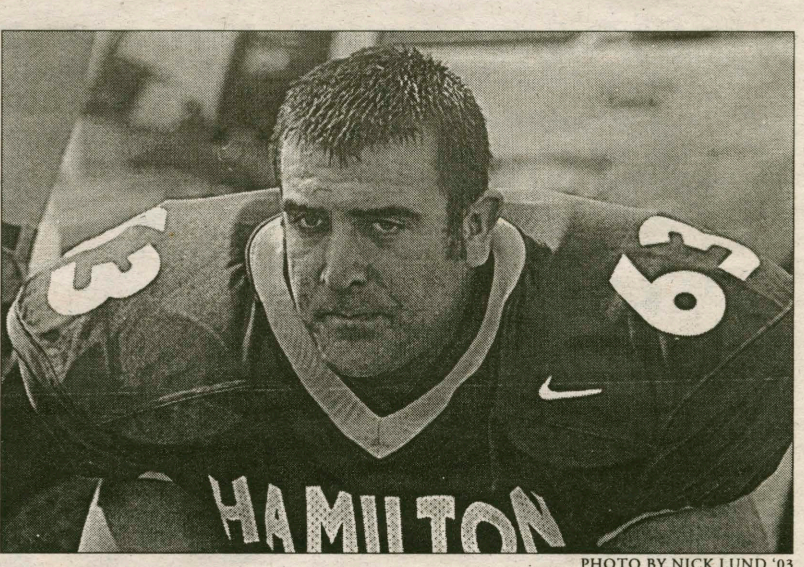


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '03

Center Andy Basco (63) helps fortify the offensive line.

Sam Bowlby '04 and Chris Smith '04 also had very good games for the Continentals. Bowlby had seven tackles from his defensive tackle position, including one sack on Carney. Two of his tackles went for losses and he did a great job disrupting the Cardinals rushing attack in the second half. Smith had four tackles, including three sacks, and was constantly in the Wesleyan backfield during passing sequences.

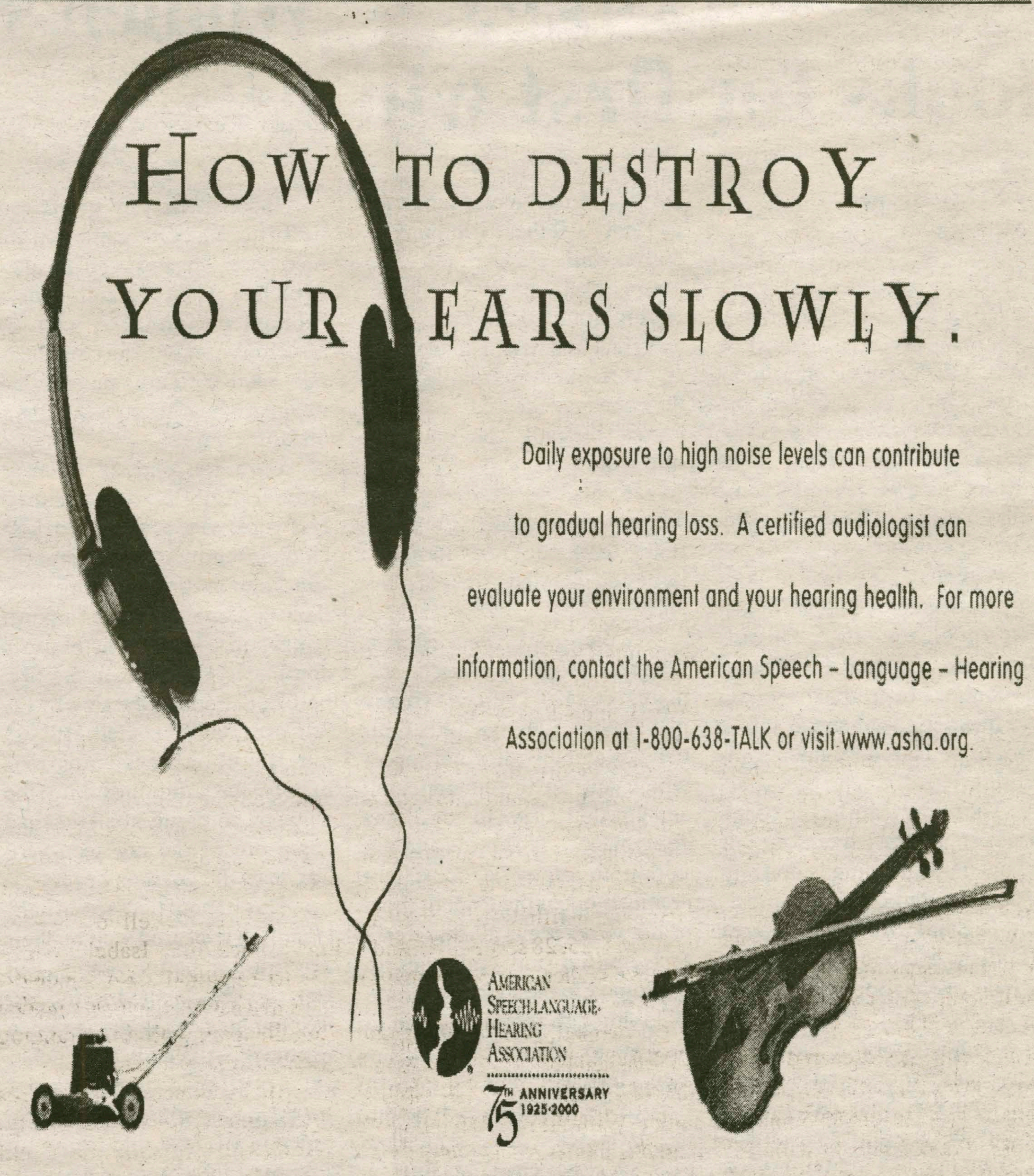
"We are leaning on [Bowlby and Smith] for more consistency and to go full tilt for four quarters," Alvanos said. "They are great kids and great players, we lean on them because they are veterans, and provide excitement for the entire team."

Safeties Jasen Wright '03 and Peter Simon '05, and cornerback Marcus Juba '03 each added seven tackles from the secondary.

Trinity (1-1, 1-1 in the NESCAC) comes to the Hill this Alumni Weekend with something to prove after a tough 30-13 loss to perennial NESCAC power Williams. "They are very good and very big," Alvanos said. "They can wear you down physically, three yards and a cloud of dust. Our defense has to get on and off the field, and our offense needs to sustain drives. The team has to play hard and compete hard because we are out-manned and out-sized."

"They have a veteran secondary with some new faces up front. They just have some real good athletes," Martinovich said. "We had success against them last year, and if we attack their weaknesses schematically we are looking to better that success."

"We had a great week of practice, and we have a big crowd with Fallcoming. We are going to come out and battle," Alvanos said. "Something good has got to happen. The best attribute about the team this year is that they have never quit. They have competed, scratched, clawed, and played hard for four quarters in every game."



Men's soccer splits first conference weekend

Team responds to first loss with big win over Utica

by Andy Horner '03
Managing Editor

They say that two out of three ain't bad, but for the Hamilton College men's soccer team, who dropped their first game of the season to rival Saint Lawrence University this past Saturday, anything less than perfection is a disappointment. After defeating their first conference opponent of the season with a 3-1 victory over Clarkson, the Continentals came into the game against the Saints confident in their ability to beat the fifth-ranked SLU squad.

However, after dropping a 2-0 decision to the team once again favored to win the UCAA, Hamilton was forced to regroup and intensify their focus. The result was a 4-0 drubbing of cross-town rival Utica College on Wednesday, giving the Continentals two victories in their last three games, and a 4-1-1 record overall.

The Continentals began their conference schedule in the middle of a day-long rain storm, but were undeterred by the sloppy conditions.

Hamilton opened the game with aggressive play from their trio of scorers, Wes Sherman '04, Dimitry Maurice '04, and co-captain Sky Gellatly '03. At the 16-minute mark, this aggressiveness paid dividends as Gellatly scored his first goal of the season unassisted to give Hamilton a 1-0 lead.

"Sky, Dimitry and Wes are really doing a much better job at making runs to help our midfield get them the ball," commented Hamilton coach Perry Nizzi, "and I think as our midfield gets more comfortable, the forwards will be able to do that more and more."

Hamilton struck again in the 29th minute of play, as midfielder Nikolas Guzijan '06 drove the ball past the Clarkson keeper off of a pass from Andy Vermilyea '04, who has been an integral part of a Hamilton defense that has been dominant so far this year. Vermilyea's assist looked especially good to Nizzi because of his hope that in the coming weeks the defense will be able to initiate more attacking.

A little bit over a minute later, another member of the forward trio made it a 3-0 game, as Sherman notched his first tally of the year on an unassisted goal. Clarkson managed to get on the board with a second-half goal, but could get no closer.

Describing the play of Hamilton's attackers, Maurice commented, "I feel like we started to get in a groove during the Clarkson game. Sky, Wes and I had them on the alert the entire game."

St. Lawrence would prove to be a tougher test for the Hamilton squad than Clarkson, and in the first half of the game the Continentals seemed to be up to the challenge. Two dominant defenses and skilled midfields made for a scoreless, but exciting, 45 minutes of soccer. Each time either squad seemed about to break through, the opposing defense would clamp down and clear the ball from the backfield.

Throughout the half, Hamilton's own defense was as solid as ever. With sweeper Huy Huynh '03 acting as the last line of defense, the combination of Jared Fox '03, Vermilyea, Craig Li '04 and James Park '04 was able to keep the physical Saints forwards from testing Hamilton keeper Greg Zalasky '04 at all.

"Holding a team like St. Lawrence shotless in the first half isn't easy to do, and it's impressive," said Nizzi.

However, as impressive as the play of the Continentals was in the first half, it was just as disappointing in the final frame of play. Just over 12 minutes into the second half, the stalwart Hamilton defense was unable to clear a loose ball from in front of the goal, and St. Lawrence forward Eric Bunyan ripped a shot from inside the box past Zalasky, giving the Saints all the offense they would need on the day.

After that goal, the Hamilton squad that had seemed so energized just minutes before went flat. The Saints began to routinely win balls in the midfield, and the Continental forwards found themselves needing to pack in to the backfield just to repel the suddenly overwhelming St. Lawrence attack.

"We outplayed [the Saints] in the first half," explained Maurice, "and for some reason we had a mental breakdown in the second half. After they scored their first goal, we just lost our composure, and we lost our patience."

Nizzi agreed, saying that more than anything the Continentals beat themselves in the second half by not playing with the composure that is necessary when down a goal. Since it was the first time this season that Hamilton had trailed in a game, this lack of composure was understandable, if unfortunate.

"Sometimes in games like that that," said Nizzi, "you start thinking too much about getting those one or two goals and not enough about continuing to play solid defense."

Unfortunately, this is exactly what the Continentals did, as each player tried harder than ever to create by himself instead of looking to get back to a team-oriented approach. Predictably, the Saints were once again able to push the ball deep into the Hamilton backfield, where they took advantage of a misplayed ball by Zalasky to go up 2-0 in the 70th minute, effectively putting the game out of reach.

After taking time for a post-goal routine that the Dance Team would have been proud of, the Saints were able to hold the Continentals off for the remainder of the game and left Love Field with a 2-0 victory.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Continentals did not allow their frustration to prevent ongoing improvements to their style of play, a fact that was evident on Wednesday against Utica.

Once again the offense was deadly, although instead of relying solely on their speed, Hamilton's forwards also employed precision passing and timing to shred the Pioneer defense. All three Continental attackers got in on the act, with two goals coming from Gellatly and one from Maurice, who has four goals in six games to lead the team. Sherman acted as the distributor up front, tallying two assists on the day.

"We played very well [against Utica]," said Nizzi, "since they are so defensive minded and because they were really up for a game against cross-town rivals.

"Wes Sherman played an outstanding game for us; he consistently got inside the Utica defense to create plays."

Hamilton's midfield also found the dominance that had been missing in the second half against St. Lawrence, as co-captain Mike Thompson '03 led the middies to what Nizzi described as their best performance of the year. Hamilton's third goal on the day was scored by Pete Smithson '03, who has become a jack-of-all trades for the Continentals.

"Smithson has been doing an outstanding job wherever we need him," said Nizzi, "whether it be in the midfield or on defense, he continues to play well."

After Friday's Alumni game, the Continentals jump right back into their home schedule with consecutive contests against Scranton this Saturday, and against Union and Skidmore next weekend.

Having already equaled half of last year's loss total, Nizzi challenged his team this week to run the table for the rest of the season.

"If they felt that they were good enough to beat St. Lawrence, then they should be good enough to win the rest of the games this season," explained Nizzi.

There is no doubt about the fact the Continentals felt themselves good enough to beat the Saints, as evidenced by the team's frustration at dropping the game in such disappointing fashion. However, as the Continentals enter a six games stretch that features five straight conference contests, this frustration must be turned into determination in order for Hamilton to have a shot at winning the UCAA title.

Utica was a good start, and Scranton will also offer a good opportunity for the Continentals to continue to hone their decision-making and toughness. And then things should really get interesting.

Women's x-country consistent at Cortland

by Michael Everhart '03
Sports Writer

In a cross-country meet, determining the winning team is usually pretty simple - each team's top five runners tally up their points and the team with the lowest score wins. Last weekend's women's cross-country meet at SUNY Cortland was not your usual meet. Hamilton split up its runners between two distances-4 km (2.5 mi) and 8 km (5 mi), and at each distance separate team scores were calculated. The Continentals finished third in the 4 km race with 45 points; Army and Roberts Wesleyan finished first and second, respectively, with 15 and 29 points. Cortland finished with a score of 60, followed by Ithaca, Alfred, and Cazenovia. In the 8 km race the team's only competition was Cortland, which finished with 16 points, four ahead of the Continentals. At 4 km Alyson Grant '04 led the team for the second time this season by finishing fifth overall with a time of 15:25, 28 seconds behind the top finisher, Army's Ashley Urick.

Tri-captain Jen Cammarano '03 finished tenth overall with a time of 15:41. Coach Ellen Hull said, "Without knowing how many teams were going to be there besides Cortland I think we ran pretty well." Katie Riposta '06 and Amanda Chase '03 finished twenty-first and twenty-fourth with times of 16:29 and 16:33 and rounded out the team's scoring runners. Heather King '06 and Courtney Johnson '06 finished thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth with a time of 17:06 (both runners). Grant said, "The times weren't especially fast, but I think we ran pretty well overall." Emily Dick '06, Isabel Ezrati '03, tri-captain Lara Clemenzi '03, and Kate Nelson '06 rounded out the team with times ranging from 17:43 to 19:58.

In the 8 km race sophomores Julianna Allport and Margo Rockwell finished third and fourth with times of 33:18 and 33:41. Keira Moore '06 finished sixth with a time of 34:28. Hull said, "I was very pleased with the 8 km performances, especially with the consistent splits." Allison Nichols '06, tri-captain Marisabel Portillo '06, and Courtney Chapman '06 finished ninth, tenth, and eleventh with times of 37:59, 38:10, and 40:41.

Tomorrow at St. Lawrence the Continentals, ranked #13 nationally and #4 regionally, will try to repeat as UCAA champions. Along with St. Lawrence, Union, William Smith, Vassar, Clarkson and RPI will attempt to unseat the Continentals, who have been perennial champs. Repeating this year will be especially challenging because the team will be without Cammarano, its #2 runner. "St. Lawrence has a very good team this year, and we're going to need some runners to step it up on Saturday. It will be a good test for us as a team," said Hull. An added challenge for all the runners will be the lengthening of the course from 5 km to 6 km. This year the Regional Championships and the NCAA Championships will also be 6 km instead of the usual 5 km.

Grant said, "The course consists of two loops and has a few hills. I think we're going to do well at UCAA's." Next weekend is the Hamilton Invitational, one of the team's largest meets of the season and the last home meet of 2002.

Field hockey drops two, loses momentum

by Charles Spiliotis '03
Sports Editor

After picking up their first conference win in recent memory to start the week, the women's field hockey team took a pair of tough losses at the hands of Skidmore and Saint Lawrence to drop the Lady Conts to 2-5 on the year. After a gritty effort in the Union win, Hamilton couldn't carry that momentum into the rest of the week.

"It was a really exciting win for us. Basically, we had a goal set at the beginning of the year to beat four teams in our league, in order to make the conference tournament, and Union was one of those teams," said co-captain Erin Turcot '04. "Everyone contributed all the way down to the freshmen, and even after we lost the momentum in the middle of the game, we fought hard and sealed the deal."

Union College came in winless on a rainy Friday afternoon, and Hamilton came out very aggressively and tried to put the Dutch Women away early. Attacker Eden Self '04 came out with a fire and scored three times in the first 25 minutes of play, giving the Continentals a commanding lead.

"It was awesome to finally see what this team could do," commented Self. "We were in control for nearly the whole game, we had a short lapse, but we came back and were able to seal the deal."

Union's Terra Lederhouse notched a pair of goals to make it a game, but Liz Southerland's insurance marker at the 56:19 mark secured the win.

"Our biggest thing is to work on talking. Our communication on the sidelines and on the field keeps us working hard," added Self.

It didn't seem like the same team showed up for the showdown with Skidmore on Saturday. Skidmore, who defeated Union 14-0 earlier in the year clearly came in and intimidated the Continentals, scoring at will in the first half. Hamilton was on its heels as it watched the visitors tally six goals in the opening half.

In the second half, however, a different Hamilton team showed up, and a determined unit did its best to get back into the game. Unfortunately, a lone Continental goal was just not enough, as Skidmore took the contest 7-1.

Turcot commented, "We came in without a lot of confidence because of Skidmore's reputation. But in the second half we just decided that there was no point in sitting back and playing defense, and so we just got aggressive. We played them even in the second, so we walked off the field with our heads high."

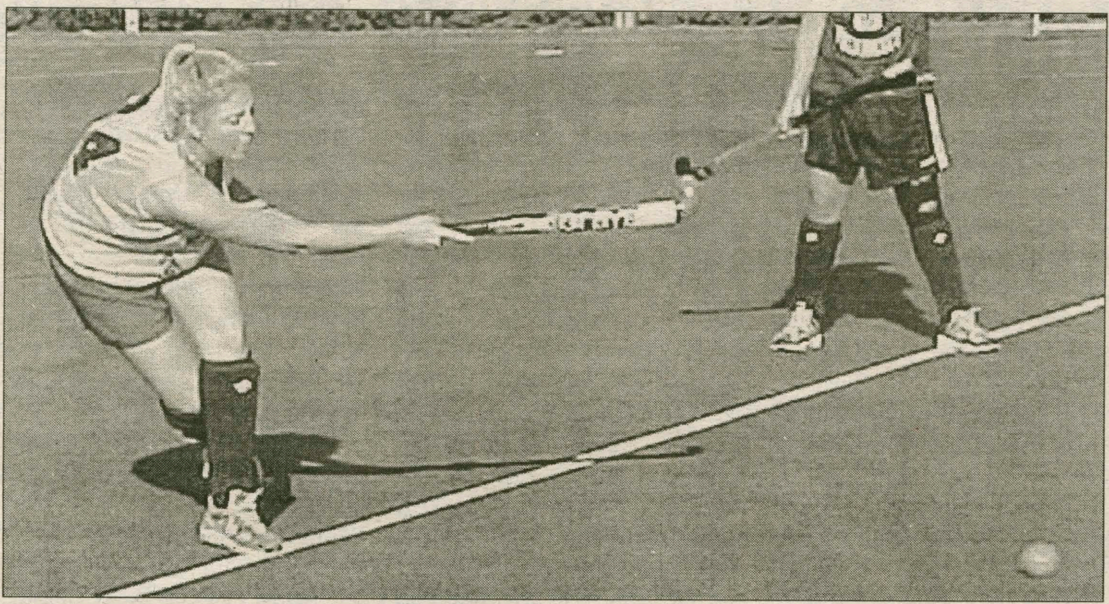


PHOTO BY KELSEY KNIGHT '06

Liz Southerland (24) is second on the team in points and goals so far this year.

The team traveled to St. Lawrence for another game it knew would be a severe challenge. The Cardinals came in with a 5-3 record, and were ready to play.

The Continentals looked unprepared, and were dominated on both sides of the ball. The visitors were outshot by a 22-4 margin on their way to a 6-0 loss.

"It was more of a reality check for us than anything else. I think it sort of hit us that we need to keep improving if we're going to be able to challenge good teams like St. Lawrence," said Turcot. "We're a young team, and what we're doing is laying a solid foundation for the years to come."

The women's field hockey team takes on Cortland today on the road in its only battle of the week. The Lady Continentals will look to bounce back and get some momentum going into the majority of its league schedule.

Women's tennis remains undefeated after six

Senior Lindsey Schantz qualifies for nationals

by Andy Horner '03
Managing Editor

Unbeknownst to most of the Hill, Hamilton's women's tennis team has quietly run through their season undefeated thus far.

Going on the strength of their flashy 6-0 record, the team is probably the hottest on campus right now.

Led by #1 player Lindsey Schantz '03, the team has cruised through all of their dual matches thus far, often by convincing margins.

Most recently the team took the court against RPI, and emerged with a 6-3 victory and perfect record intact.

Schantz completely dominated in a 6-0, 6-0 singles victory, setting the tone for a match that proved to be a fairly competitive affair.

Current #2 Kaitie Donovan '06, who has filled in for the injured Ginger Pearson '03 admirably, took her singles match 6-1, 6-3, and at the third spot Jen Lynch '03 won a nail biter in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

It was Lynch's victory that sealed Hamilton's win, as the veteran player once again provided the leadership that the team has needed, and received, from its seniors.

"Our team is interesting because we only have five upperclassmen on the team," said Schantz, "and we've been getting great production from many of the younger players."

Indeed, rookies Kate Borne '06 and Callen Sterling '06 both contributed to the victory over RPI with solid singles victories. Borne cruised 6-2, 6-1, while Sterling won a classic match by a score of 5-7, 7-6, 7-6.

"The freshmen have been great this year," Schantz commented, "especially Kaitie [Donovan] filling in for Ginger like she has."

Due to their five singles victories, it became irrelevant that the Hamilton women dropped their top two doubles matches as the Schantz/Donovan combination dropped their match by a score of 8-6, and the duo of Lynch and Borne fell by a score of 8-5.

RPI was prevented from a doubles sweep by the tandem of Sterling and Lizzie Fazzio '04, who took an 8-6 decision to round out the scoring.

The match against RPI was indicative of the team's play all season, as a combination of veteran leadership and stellar play from the freshmen on the squad.

According to Schantz, this has been the case for much of the season, as veterans such as Lynch, Pearson, Fazzio, and Mollie Gardner '04 have provided invaluable examples and leadership to the freshmen on the squad, who have responded by stepping up and playing a quality of tennis that belies their inexperience.

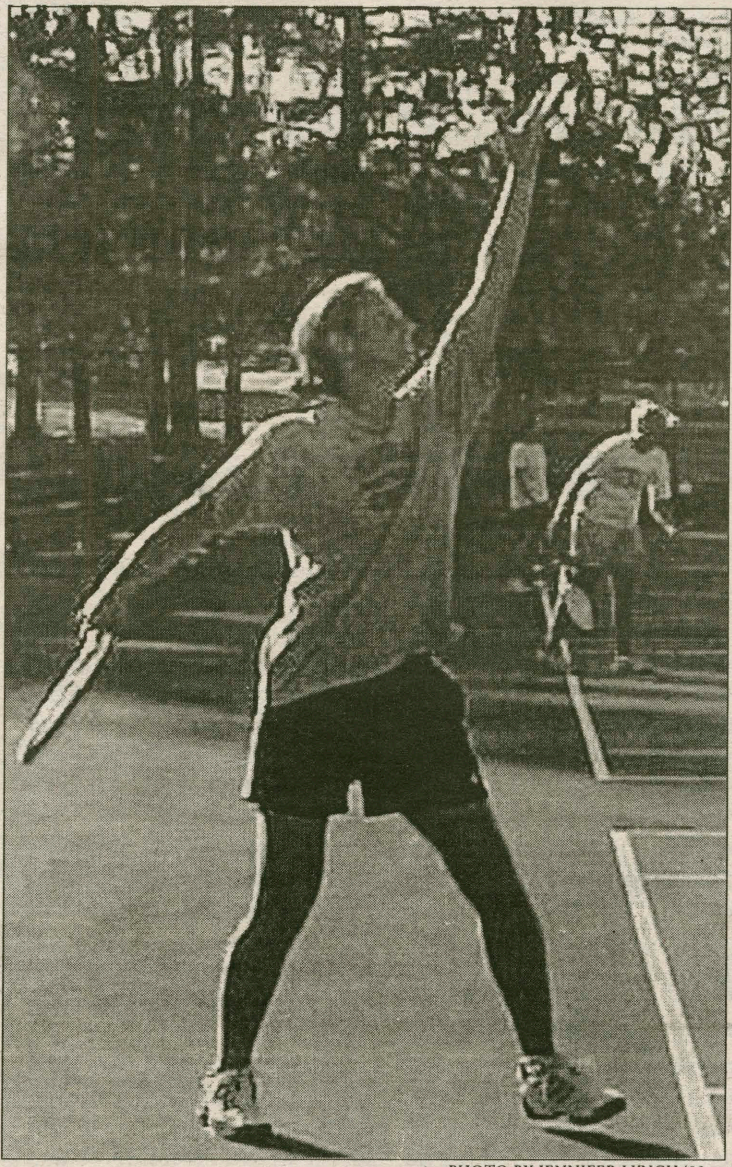


PHOTO BY JENNIFER LYNCH '03

Schantz has anchored Hamilton's best fall squad.

In addition to the leadership provided by the three seniors and two juniors on the team, second-year coach Jamie King has led his squad to a record unequaled by any other Hamilton varsity team.

"Coach has prepared us really well for the season, and we're very confident going into all our matches because of this," said Schantz.

So pay attention, Hamilton. Despite the noticeable lack of coverage of the team up to this point, the tennis team stands poised to record Hamilton's first varsity undefeated season in years.

Led by a 1 through 6 combo that matches up well to just about any team in the UCAA, the Hamilton squad will seek to sweep through the tournament just as they have through the regular season.

So you should bank on hearing plenty more about Hamilton's hottest team in the coming weeks. Better late than never, right?